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**HUNGRY PEOPLE  
FIGHT FOR FOOD.****Kill Each Other in Order to  
Get a Crumb of Bread  
In Italy.****SOLDIERS GUARD THE SUPPLY.****Hand Out the Coarse Loaves to the  
Starving People at the Point of Bayo-  
nets—Italians Hope That Battleships  
Will Come.**

United Press Telegram.  
ROME, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Relief measures now in operation at Messina and Reggio are wholly inadequate to meet the terrible demands made upon them. Reports from both these places today say that every time food is offered the hunger-crazed survivors, soldiers have to stand guard to keep people from killing each other in the mad scramble.

At Reggio two soldiers who were guarding the scant supplies were killed in a hysterical rush for the stock of provisions. Women carrying emaciated children joined in the fight and a number of persons were injured before the mob was driven back. The soldiers at Messina are heading out loaves of coarse bread at the point of bayonet. Half rations of the sent kind are being given them there will be almost a complete shortage before provisions again arrive.

Some of the food the starving people are digging from the ruins is in such a state of decomposition that certain death follows its consumption. The American consul yesterday left Constantinople today for Messina.

The Italian Government is hoping America will order her fleet of 16 battleships to stop at Messina and other devastated points to aid in the rescue work. The only way to keep down the dreadful dimensions of the quake is to send all survivors away, and the authorities are attempting to do this.

Warships off the coast of Messina are bombarding several places where fire has broken out. This is the only available means of fighting the flames. The Consul had to be forced to remain in Messina today when the King left for Reggio. She begged to be allowed to accompany her husband but the horror of the spectacle and the Calabrian towns was considered too great for her to witness, and her urgent request was denied.

Shooting between the soldiers and looters continued throughout the night and today the King ordered immediately dispatched 10,000 additional soldiers to Sicily.

Millions of the dead the still clinging. The Marine Ministry is connected to think its estimate of yesterday of 115,000 will not have to be raised unless the reported destruction of the Lipari Islands is confirmed. The Marquis Di Ruvoletto puts the number at 300,000, but he is alone in this estimate.

**RELIEF MEASURERS  
ARE TAKING SHAPE.****Italians of Uniontown Will Give an  
Entertainment to Help Raise  
Funds for Italy.**

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 1.—Plans for the relief of the Italian earthquake sufferers are rapidly taking form in Uniontown. Sunday afternoon there will be a meeting of all the Protestant pastors of the town to discuss the ways and means of securing relief funds one of which will be to present an entertainment under the auspices of the Italian Christian Club. The use of the West End theatre has been extended by Manager Harry Bosson. Monday night there will be a mass meeting of the Italians in the West End theatre and it is expected that men of this race from all over this section will be in attendance.

Banker H. Fuszario is in receipt of a communication from the Italian Consul in Pittsburgh authorizing him to collect funds for the relief of the stricken people. His fund was started with a \$100 contribution from F. M. Seamans, Jr., assistant cashier of the First National Bank.

**Exceptions Are Filed.**

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 1.—Attorneys for the Naoml Coal Company have filed exceptions to the decision of Judge Van Swearingen in refusing to make permanent the injunction restraining Mrs. Elizabeth S. Moore from terminating her contract with the company.

**For a New Court House.**  
The grand jury of Lebanon county has recommended the erection of an entirely new court house on the site of the one recently gutted by fire, the cost not to exceed \$200,000.

**PIER DESTROYED.**

Baltimore Has Another Conflagration Which Threatened the City.  
BALTIMORE, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—After a hard fight in which the flames at times leaped as high as 100 feet in the air, Canton and Baltimore firemen aided by fireboats and railroad tugs, secured control of a fire which for nearly four hours raged along Baltimore water front. It destroyed the pier of the Baltimore Steamer & Lightage Company. For a time the flames threatened the American Chemical & Fertilizer Company, the Pennsylvania railroad's elevator No. 1, and other property. The loss cannot be estimated at present.

**INDIANA WOMAN  
MAY BE MRS. STONE.****Description Resembles Her Very  
Much But Mr. Stone Is Not  
Sure That It Is Her.**

Mrs. Bertha May Stone, the missing wife of W. A. Stone, the Uniontown cent operator and banker, is believed to have been located in Greensburg, Indiana, although Mr. Stone says the description furnished him is not accurate. Last night a woman boarded a train at that place purchasing a ticket for Massillon, O. Her husband last night was in communication with Indianapolis detectives and operatives of the Perkins detective agency of Pittsburg, but he is not positive that the woman is his wife although the description favors her. Detectives will be at Massillon today to meet all in coming trains. The woman is said to be unaccompanied.

Mrs. Stone left Greensburg, Indiana, it is said, at 7:30 o'clock last night. Emory Martin, who left Uniontown on the same day that Mrs. Stone disappeared, was seen in Greensburg at late as last Sunday, but did not leave with her last night. The alleged Mrs. Stone checked two trunks to Massillon. The check number on the baggage has been sent to the detectives. In a telegram from Indiana last night it was said that Mrs. Stone was in the best of health, but was very nervous. Martin, the telegram says, has been working at his trade of painting.

The fellow to the whereabouts of Mrs. Stone followed her appearance at a barber shop in Greensburg, where, it is said, she was having her hair marcelled. Her actions and appearance attracted the attention of the proprietors and Mr. Stone was called up over the long distance telephone. It is said that Mr. Stone recently got a letter which his wife had written to her mother on the day she left home. It had been entrusted to a friend for delivery, but when Mrs. Stone committed suicide the letter was kept until a few days ago when it was given Mr. Stone. In it she asks her mother to take care of the children and "Will," meaning Mr. Stone. She did not say she was unhappy or that her domestic life was miserable. She merely pleaded an irresistible impulse to leave her home.

Mrs. Stone left Uniontown on Wednesday, December 3, when Mr. Stone was in Pittsburg attending the American mining congress. At the same time Emory Martin a merchant of Hopwood, a suburb of Uniontown, where the Stones lived, also disappeared. A week later Mrs. Charlotte Ingles, the mother of Mrs. Stone, killed herself by cutting her throat in the collar of the Stone home. In the meantime Mr. Stone in an effort to get his wife back, offered a reward of \$2,500 for her recovery, and spent another time nor money in an effort to bring home the mother of his five children. Until yesterday no tangible or practical clue to her had been received.

**YEAR BEGAN WITH  
NO POLICE PRISONERS.****Connellsville Bastle Started With a  
Clean Docket—Much Noise  
But No Arrests.**

Burgess Solson started 1909 with a clean sheet this morning as there was not a single prisoner in the police station. The institution last night was noisy but orderly and no arrests resulted. All the prisoners sentenced during the last few days have either served their time out or paid so the lockup was empty this morning after the sleepers had been released. It is thought that the December business was the worst month for business Burgess Solson has encountered but he said today that December would be almost as bad.

**Agad Man Killed.**  
Amos B. Allen, of Coal Centre, Washington county, aged 33 years, was run down by a locomotive and instantly killed.

**The Weather.**  
Fair tonight and Saturday, except show storms near the lakes; slowly rising temperature Saturday; a report of the noon weather bulletin.

**AUDIT CASE GOES  
TO SUPREME COURT.****Council for Byrne and Van  
Swearingen Argued the  
Case Yesterday.****MESTREZAT GRANTS APPEAL.****Case Will Be Taken Up on First Mon-  
day of the Next Session of the Su-  
preme Court in Philadelphia—Three  
Courts Involved.**

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 1.—An appeal to the Supreme Court was allowed today in the case of William L. Byrne and others against John R. Byrne, in which the Superior Court handed down an opinion reversing the finding of the Fayette county court, and declaring the Corrupt Practices Act unconstitutional.

The case was argued yesterday afternoon before Justice S. L. Mestrezat, who is now at Uniontown and the following order was made in all the cases covering the Van Swearingen case also:

"And now January 1, 1907, it appears that the question raised by the record involves the constitutionality of the Constitution of this Commonwealth and an appeal is allowed and ordered to be heard in Philadelphia on the first Monday of the next session of the Supreme Court."

The cases involve the filing of election expense accounts and their audit. The expense accounts of John R. Byrne, County Chairman, and J. Q. Van Swearingen, candidate for Judge, were attacked. The accounts were filed but Liking wanted them audited and the case reached the Common Pleas Court in this manner. Judge Van Swearingen ruled that the law was unconstitutional on the fact that the Legislature that passed the law had been called in special session, but it is claimed, did not have power to pass the Corrupt Practices Act from the fact that it was not included in the call of the Governor. Others claim that the call covers the disputed point. Judge Umbel ruled that the law is unconstitutional and it was then carried to the Superior Court. Here the Fayette County court was reversed unanimously on the Byrne case, while in the case of Judge Van Swearingen, several of the judges dissented.

It is now up to the Supreme Court to pass upon the question. The fact that Judge Mestrezat who is visiting his home at Uniontown gave the counsel for the defendants an excellent opportunity to argue the case and this was taken advantage of yesterday afternoon.

**BIG TASK HAS  
BEEN COMPLETED.****All the County Papers and Documents  
For 125 Years Have Been Re-  
arranged and Carefully Filed.**

UNIONTOWN, Jan. 1.—Papers representing nearly half a million legal actions are on file in the Prothonotary's office and on Thursday the task of going over the entire lot, which has been in progress for nearly a year, was completed and the last paper put on file in its proper place. The work of re-examining, dusting and repinning the lot was carried out under the supervision of the County Commissioner and the task accomplished by Craig Allison, who has worked on it at various times during the past year. The Commissioners installed new fire proof file cases in the Prothonotary's office and it was decided to re-examine and re-arrange the papers.

The records in that office consist of all the papers that have ever been presented in the Common Pleas Court and Court of Quarter Sessions, judgments, proceedings, mortgages, liens, insolvent proceedings, equity, aliens, excoindens, etc., during the last century and a quarter. The first papers were filed in 1783 and the volume of business since that time, 125 years ago, has shown a steady increase. At one time 1100 papers were filed and each term the number has ranged between 100 and 1100, making about half a million papers in the 125 years during which they were recorded.

All the papers have been in the present court house since its construction in 1881-2, at which time they were moved in from the Walker building, used as a temporary court house while the new one was under construction. It is not likely that the work just completed by Mr. Allison will ever be repeated.

**Dunbar Suggestion Meeting.**  
A suggestion meeting of the Republicans of Dunbar township will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Hotel Columbia in New Haven to choose candidates to fill the offices of the township.

**DIDN'T ESCAPE.**

Italian Tries to Make His Getaway But Is Apprehended.  
While trying to escape arrest Nick Depewitz of Dunbar was arrested this morning on the Pennsylvania passenger train in New Haven by Constable William Shrum on a charge of kidnapping. Guy Corrado a member of the firm of Corrado & Palladino of Connellsville.

Depewitz owed the firm a bill amounting to a little over \$7. On turning of the warrant for his arrest he boarded the train for Lattrobe but was captured in New Haven before arriving at his destination. The case was settled by the defendant paying the costs and the amount of money owed the company.

**BERG WILL LEAVE  
TRI-STATE COMPANY.****District Manager Resigns After Five  
Years Service in Connellsville.  
Was Well Liked.**

Benjamin L. Berg, district manager of the American Union Telephone Company, this morning handed in his resignation and will retire from the telephone field, for the present at least. His resignation becomes effective February 1 and it is expected that the company will send a man from the East to take charge of the work here.

News of Mr. Berg's resignation was received with general regret. He was popular with his employees of the company and his personality put an important figure in the success of the company throughout this section. For the past three years, however, he has been working without rest and has declined that it will be best to resign for the present. He will stay up for a month or so and then consider several propositions he has received.

Mr. Berg has been with the company since it was organized in 1903. At that time there were 127 subscribers and this number has been increased, largely through his own personal efforts, to 1,500. His local service has been robust while the service was extended to Dunbar, Dawson, Scotland and Perryopolis.

When the Tri-State Company was merged with the American Union Telephone Company and the headquarters moved to Harrisburg, Mr. Berg was continued as district manager and exerted every effort to keep up the high standard of service established by the old concern.

The "hello girls" will miss their manager as Mr. Berg was always a cordial supervisor and commanded the admiration and respect of his subordinates. Although many complaints have been made concerning the service which has been given during the past year, the fallings of the system were not due to the local management.

**BURGLARS AGAIN  
VISIT NEW HAVEN.****Make An Effort to Get Into Another  
Home But Are Frightened  
Away.**

Burglars were at work again in New Haven Wednesday night when an attempt was made to rob the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Cameron on Seventh street. The robbers had already gained an entrance to the cellar and while trying to get into the kitchen they awakened Mrs. Cameron who was sleeping in the bedroom over the kitchen. She immediately gave the alarm of burglary. In a short time several of the New Haven citizens were on the spot, but the burglars being frightened by the screams of Mrs. Cameron had made good their escape before the arrival of the men. Within the past month a number of petty robberies have been committed in New Haven and in Greenwood but as yet there is no clue to the identity of the persons who are committing the robberies.

**GUN CLUB OFFICERS.**

The Belvedere Gun Club of Belvedere elected the following officers for 1909 at the annual meeting in December: President, E. B. Pierce; Vice President, F. J. Speers; Secretary and Treasurer, B. F. Daugherty; Field Captain, James Patterson; Storekeeper, H. R. Boyd. The outlook for a good season is very bright.

**Fifty Bodies Recovered.**

MAYBURY, W. Va., Jan. 1.—(Special.)—Explorations of the ill-fated mine here is now completed. A total of 50 bodies have been removed and it is thought there are no more in the mine, with possible exception of one or two bodies still in the mine. Mine inspectors today are investigating the cause of the explosion.

**Paul Runder Injured.**  
Paul Runder of Whitest, Pa., an employee of the Hostetter Coal Company, is at the Cottage State hospital as the result of a fall of slate in the mines late yesterday afternoon. He has several slight scalp wounds and an injured back. His condition is not thought to be serious.

**MILITARY BALL  
BRILLIANT AFFAIR.****Largest Gathering of the  
Kind Ever Held in  
Connellsville.****LADIES WERE RESPLENDENT.****In Beautiful Costumes, While the De-  
corations And Other Appointments  
Were Carefully and Tastefully Car-  
ried Out.**

Amidst a scene of great beauty and splendid 550 couples representing the best social circles of Connellsville and surrounding towns made the old year farewell and royally welcomed in the new year at a grand and perfectly appointed military ball given at the Armory by Company D, Tenth Regiment last night.

The affair was the first event of the kind to be held in Connellsville as well as the largest social function ever held. It was not only a fitting close for the old year but for the closing of the Yuletide season as well. The occasion was noteworthy for the large number of out of town guests present and the elaborately gowned women. The splendid ball room presented a scene of dazzling beauty with the members of the company resplendent in their uniforms and the beautifully lined gowns worn by the ladies. The decorations were artistically carried out in ensigns of the regiment, large American flags and bunting.

In the receiving line were Colonel and Mrs. J. M. Reid, Major and Mrs. L. P. McCormick, Lieutenant and Mrs. R. S. McKee, Captain and Mrs. Harry Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Snyder, Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Felty, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Grey, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Norton, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Munson, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Church, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Leube, Miss Mary Snyder.

Following the reception was the grand march led by William Hetzel and Miss Lillian Overly. Dancing followed and about 11 o'clock there was an intermission during which time there was a drill by entire company. Dancing was resumed until shortly before midnight when there was another cessation and the approach of the closing of the old year was announced by the blowing of the bugle. As the notes died away at a given signal from the Captain the company discharged their guns breaching the cards which held together the American flag depending from the center of the ballroom. As the flag unfurled a shower of carnations was loosened upon the dancers as pomegranates. Kiefer's full pipe orchestra furnished music and a buffet luncheon was served throughout the evening. Dancing was indulged in until after 2 o'clock.

The out-of-town guests present were Miss Pearl Green of St. Mary's, W. Va., Miss Grace May of Beaver Falls, Misses Drunagan and Lucy Johns, Miss Elizabeth Hubbard, Miss Edith Abraham, Miss Mabel Will, Miss Nellie Sharps, Harry Sharp, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Elliott, J. D. Armstrong, J. T. Gramer, J. L. Cotton, Lieutenant A. B. Crowe, Lieutenant C. R. Abraham, Lieutenant J. K. Parsons of Uniontown, Miss Bertha McFarland of Vanderburg, Miss E. Dine Hornbeck of Dickerson Run, Miss Helen Fleunkin, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Kurtz, and A. M. Thompson of Dawson; Dr. W. S. Kimball of Tower Hill, P. R. McKelvey, A. Coffroth of Somerset, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stauder, the Misses McCallough, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Loucks, Misses Beale and Celia Held of Scotland; Miss Jennie Wythe of Harvard, Ill.; Miss Beattie Cruikshank of Toronto, Canada, Miss Myrtle Bailey, and Dr. and Mrs. Bailey of Greensburg, Cameron Bailey of Montreal, Canada, Jack Oitz of Corapolis, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Foltz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Yoe, of Dunbar; C. D. Ellison of McKeesport, John M. Murphy of Pittsburg, Misses Mary and Elizabeth Noff of Masontown.

**SUNDAY MORNING  
APPEAL FOR AFFLICTED****Charity Committee Asking Congrega-  
tions of All Denominations to  
Help Raise Fund.**

The Charity Committee of the Chamber of Commerce is sending out a number of letters asking co-operation in its work of raising relief fund for the stricken victims of the Italian earthquake. In addition to these personal appeals other methods have also been adopted.

All the pastors of town, regardless of denomination, have been asked to make an appeal Sunday morning for a collection in their churches for the benefit of the sufferers. These funds will be transmitted to Italy through the Italian Consul except where a request is made for it to go through the Red Cross Society. The committee is of opinion that either channel will be productive of equally good results as the Red Cross is co-operating with the Italian government in relieving the sufferers.

**HOSPITAL REPORT.****Eighteen Patients Admitted During  
The Month.**

The report of the Cottage State hospital for the month of December was submitted this morning by the Superintendent Miss Catherine Zeiser. During the month there were no deaths. The report is as follows: Number of patients at the beginning of the month, 19; number admitted, 18; number discharged, 17; number remaining, 20; out patients treated, 10; return visits paid, 48.

**Marianna's Subscriptions.**

Subscriptions to the amount of \$4,007.30 were received up to Tuesday at Washington, for the relief of the Marianna miners families.

**DISORDERLY ON CAR.**

Decides to Pay Fine After Being Locked Up a Few Hours.  
George Vilk of Vanderbilt was arrested last evening on a West Penn street car by Constable William Roland of Dunbar township for being disorderly on the car. He was taken to Squire George Graffam's office where he was given a hearing on a charge of disorderly conduct made by Constable Roland. On refusing to pay his fine and costs he was placed in the New Haven lockup where he remained until he decided to settle the case by paying the required amount.

**UNIONTOWN MAN  
PURCHASES COAL TRACT****Isaac and James Semans Secure Over  
1,000 Acres in Harrison  
County.**

CLARKSBURG, Jan. 1.—John Bassell and Edward Smith, acting as special commissioners for the Circuit Court, consummated the sale of an unusual tract of coal formerly owned by J. D. Springer of Uniontown. The sale is subject to the confirmation of the court which meets at Clarksburg next Tuesday or Wednesday. Something like \$100 an acre was paid for the coal and it was bought by Isaac Semans and James Huested, both of Uniontown who owned the three-fourth interest in the tract. Judgment had been entered against the interest owned by Springer to collect on notes to the amount of \$15,000 and the two Uniontown men purchased the coal to protect their interests.

The tract is located on Buffalo and Sycamore creeks, in the southwestern section of Harrison county. The price paid for the one-fourth interest is regarded as fabulously high, amounting to \$43,450, for the reason that the tract is located several miles from the railroad.

J. D. Springer, who formerly owned the one-fourth interest in the tract, is a brother-in-law of James R. Barnes and a son of Z. B. Springer formerly of Uniontown and is now located at Rome, Ga. Mr. Springer became financially involved in deals made after he had purchased the surface land upon the coal and creditors closed in upon him forcing the sale of the interest he held in the tract. To protect themselves, the Uniontown men bought the entire tract.

**ANDY HAAS GIVES  
A HOUSE WARMING.****Entertains His Many Friends With  
Dainty Dishes and Oysters in  
Every Style.**

A "clam bake" and New Year's reception at the Hotel Haas given by its proprietor to his friends and patrons was a unique feature of New Year's eve in Connellsville. Although called for their humble cousins, oysters by the bushel arrived on the evening train from the east, while other viands had been provided in plenty to serve several hundred guests who came and went and spent an evening of jollity.

A cups of cooks and waiters was on hand. Oysters were steamed by the wholesale on top of a red-hot stove while tables of other food were kept heaped high. Many prominent residents of Connellsville were present and after 9 o'clock the hotel men came in a bunch to pay their respects to "Andy" and incidentally to the oysters.

The host received a stream of congratulations upon restoring his former custom of holding a New Year reception which were a feature of this hostelry when Mr. Haas formerly was proprietor.

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**PLATT IS FOUND  
DEAD IN FIELD.****Farm Hand Probably Per-  
ished From Exposure  
During Spree.****PHILIP WILKEY SAW BODY.****It Was on a Hill Above His Dunbar  
Township Farm and Had Been There  
for Several Days—Coroner Bell Is  
Noted.**

Frank Platt, aged 45, was found dead at 11:30 this morning on the farm of Philip Wilkey in Dunbar township. Mr. Wilkey discovered the man's body as he was going up over the hill above his house.

Evidence was that the man had been dead for several days, possibly since Sunday. He had apparently tried to cross the fence which skirts the top of the hill but was unable to do so and collapsed. Death was probably due to freezing. It is believed the man was intoxicated and in no condition to take care of himself. After falling backwards from the fence he laid in his tracks where he was found this morning.

Platt worked for Mr. Wilkey about a year ago and later went to work on the John Wilkey farm. His last place of employment was on the farm of S. J. Harry, where he was making his home at the time of his death. It is thought Platt attempted to take a short cut to the Harry farm by crossing through the Wilkey place, but was unable to cross the fence which barred his path.

Platt was married but did not live with his wife. Coroner H. J. Bell was notified and Undertaker J. E. Sims went at noon to take charge of the body.

**WEST PENN PLANS  
FOR PARK BUSINESS.****Work Already Under Way to Make  
1909 Season Record One at Olym-  
pia and Oakford.**

Officials of the West Penn are already at work on plans for the summer park business and during the past week Superintendent of Parks O. C. Hartley has been in conference with Superintendent J. W. Brown and Division Superintendent M. A. Coffey of Greensburg planning for the approaching campaign.

As usual Olympia Park will be the one big pleasure resort of Western Pennsylvania and Mr. Hartley expects to have it better and bigger than ever next season. For those of the Greensburg district Oakford Park will be put in first-class shape.

Several conferences over the park question have been held during the past week and the West Penn is planning to break all records for business during the coming summer.

**GOVERNOR HUGHES  
SWORN IN TODAY.****Takes Oath of Office Again and Swears  
to Safeguard the People's  
Interests.**

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1.—(Special.) Charles E. Hughes, the "Bossless Governor," at noon today was inaugurated for a second time chief executive of the Empire State. Before an audience that filled to overflowing the big assembly chamber in the \$29,900,000 monstrosity Albany capitol building the man who made his political history by defying the leaders of his own party and was rewarded by the people themselves, took his oath of office and swore to safeguard the rights of all within the Commonwealth's domain.

**F. A. Kail Donated.**

Fire Chief Michael King in behalf of the firemen desires to thank Banker F. A. Kail for so kindly remembering the firemen on New Year's eve with a generous sum of money. W. C. Bishop also desires to thank the firemen for their alert action in extinguishing the fire which recently broke out in the West Penn restaurant.

**Engineer Shocked.**

J. W. Hanson Brund, of Pittsburg, an engineer employed on the new bridge being constructed across the Monongahela river, at Monongahela, touched a high tension trolley wire and had to be released by ropes. He was severely burned and badly shocked.

**Physicians Combine.**

Physicians of Tamaqua have organized a union to charge time and half time for visits made between 9 p. m. and 7 a. m.



# SATURNALIA OF NOISE FOR 1932.

**Boisterous Welcome Ushers In New Year and Coldest Morning of Year.**

**MERCURY TO 10 DEGREES.**

**Town Has Holiday Air Though Only Banks Are Closed and Postoffice Observes Special Hours—Ice Is Forming Along Yough River Banks.**

The first day of the new year set a record for cold weather as the mercury dropped lower this morning than at any previous time this winter. Since yesterday morning there was a full of twelve degrees and at eight o'clock the West Penn thermometer registered an even 10 degrees above zero. This is by several degrees the coldest morning of the season.

The cold snap followed the rain of Wednesday. Thursday morning it was 22 but by evening it had dropped to 15. Five degrees difference was recorded between last evening and this morning.

Ice is beginning to form in the river and if the cold snap continues the stream may freeze over. The river remains about stationary and the gauge records practically the same stage that has prevailed for the past several days.

Aside from the closing of the banks and holiday hours at the postoffice, New Year's Day is going along a good bit the same as other days that come and go. The fact of it being a legal holiday has had the effect of making those who have to work do as little of it as possible. The politicians are inaugurating the new year with increased activity, in view of the approaching primary. They are much in evidence about the hotels and other centers to which voters gravitate. A number of good resolutions were both made and broken this morning while the annual voyage of the water wagon began with a full complement of officers and men. The cruise will be short for many but a few will likely hang on to the end of the year.

The new year was ushered in with a royal welcome at midnight. There was a big crowd on the streets who made merry until the wee sma' hours. Revolvers, loaded with blank cartridges, were fired while as the incoming new year made its debut there was a saturation of noise from clanging bells and shrieking whistles. For the first time in many years the fireworks of both Conneltsville and New Haven were silent but those on the many factories and locomotives in the Baltimore & Ohio yards, made up for these.

Following the usual custom watch night services were held at several of the churches in the presence of large gatherings who had assembled to watch the old year out and to welcome in the new year. At the Trinity Lutheran Church the Luther League had charge of the services and the evening was one of much enjoyment. The meeting opened with devotion and prayer followed by the regular business session. Satisfactory reports were read by the committee on prayer meeting, the corresponding secretary, the finance treasurer, the Junior Superintendent, the membership committee, the music committee and social committee.

The business session was followed by a literary and musical program. Rev. I. K. Wismer pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Uniontown, delivered an address on "The Moral Luther League Prayer Meeting." Rev. D. W. Michaels, pastor of the Lutheran Church of Scotland, gave an address on "The Modern Luther League Business Meeting." The program was followed by a social session until midnight when the closing of the old year was announced by the blowing of whistles, the ringing of bells, and the discharging of revolvers. Watch night services were also held at the Methodist Protestant and United Brethren Churches. Devotional exercises were held until midnight.

## In Social Circles.

**Silver Thimble Club Entertained.**  
The Silver Thimble Club was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Joseph Kiling yesterday afternoon at her home on Cedar avenue between the hours of 2:30 and 5 o'clock. All members were present as well as a number of guests of the club. The afternoon was spent in fancy work and refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. K. Allen Thursday afternoon, January 11.

Last evening Mr. and Mrs. Kiling entertained the members of the club and their husbands. Five hundred was played until a late hour when a bounteous repast was served. Two out of town guests present were Miss Nellie Workman of Youngwood; Mrs. R. F. Sample of Uniontown; Mrs. W. Miller of Fairchance, and Mrs. Charles Wolfersberger of Rockwood. The meeting was pronounced as one of the most enjoyable ones in the history of the club. For the past year or more it has been the pleasure of the members of the club and their husbands

to enjoy the generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Kiling on New Year's eve.

**Afternoon at Cards.**  
A charming meeting of the Thursday Afternoon Card Club was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. T. Johnston on East Main street. Eight tables, five of bridge and three of "500" were brought into play. Miss Irene Spear won the club prize at "500" while the club prize at bridge was awarded to Mrs. G. W. Wells. The guests prize at "500" was won by Miss Bessie Crickshank. The evening at 8 o'clock the bridge was won by Miss Eva North. Refreshments followed the game. The next meeting will be held Friday afternoon January 8, at the home of Miss Eleanor Horpik on East Main street. The out-of-town guests of the club were Mrs. Myrtle Bailey of Greensburg, and Miss Bessie Crickshank of Toronto, Canada.

**Central This Evening.**  
The beautiful cantata "The Shepherd King," by Charles Gabriel will be presented this evening at 8 o'clock in the United Presbyterian Church on the corner of South Pittsburgh street and Morton avenue. The cantata will be in charge of the choir composed of Miss Christine Snodden, Mrs. K. Lawrence Smith, Mrs. Cummings, Mrs. J. P. Kerr, Mrs. John Davis, William Griffith, James Russell and Frank Rodriguez, assisted by a chorus of about 100 voices. During the past period the choir has been very fortunate in securing the services of such a talented leader as Prof. Jerome Hanson of Pittsburgh. No admission will be charged and all are invited to come and enjoy an evening with the Sunday school. A silver offering will be taken.

**Ald Society Meets.**  
The Ladies' Aid Society of the Trinity Lutheran Church met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary Sileo and completed arrangements for a mile of pennies to be collected by the ladies. The pennies will be turned over to the treasurer on June 1 and will be placed in the new church fund. The meeting was the regular monthly one and was well attended.

**Delightful Social Gathering.**  
About twenty-five young people watched the old year out and the new one in last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rowe in New Haven. The evening was spent in various games and music and at midnight a dainty luncheon was served. The out of town guest present was W. H. Hough of Uniontown.

**Neuman Club Entertains.**  
The Neuman Club of St. Vincent De Paul's Roman Catholic Church at Leobersburg, Pa. held a very enjoyable and successful entertainment and dance last evening in St. Vincent De Paul's hall at Leobersburg. A musical and literary program preceded the dancing.

**Ladies Aid Society Meets.**  
Mrs. James Stauffer of Dawson entertained the Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Dawson yesterday afternoon at her home at Dawson. The regular routine business was transacted after which a social hour was held and refreshments served.

**Dance in New Haven.**  
The New Haven Union held a very successful dance last evening in the New Haven auditorium. Over 100 couples were present and spent a most enjoyable evening. Music was furnished by Kiefer's orchestra.

**Luncheon for House Guest.**  
Miss Jean Kennedy of Uniontown entertained a number of her friends at a luncheon yesterday in honor of her house guest, Miss Helen Overholt of Scotland, and Miss Gladys Myers of Greensburg.

**Afternoon Card Party.**  
Mrs. James S. Laughery is entertaining the "500" club of Dawson this afternoon at her home in Dawson. The hours are from 2:30 until 5 o'clock.

**Reception at Mt. Pleasant.**  
Miss Blaise Bryce will entertain at a reception tomorrow afternoon at her home at Mt. Pleasant. Guests from Conneltsville will attend.

## BIBLE CLASS MEN ARE ENTERTAINED.

**Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Watson Give a Little Dinner For Eighteen Friends.**

Eighteen members of the Men's Bible Class of the Christian Church were entertained at dinner last evening by Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Watson. The class members are seated at the parsonage in three rooms at 7 o'clock and sat themselves down to a repast that far exceeded all expectations. The tables, which were grouped in the dining room and library, fairly groaned beneath the weight of the luscious viands. There was turkey and chicken, with a liberal quantity of dressing and necessary trimmings. Then, too, were vegetables and cranberries, and all the good things that constitute a turkey dinner to make it complete. Coffee, ice cream and cake wound up the feast.

President A. W. Bowman presided at the meeting while S. P. Schell, the Secretary-treasurer, and Chairman Joseph McCormick of the Campaign Committee were there with reports of the good work being accomplished. This is a temporary organization which will be made permanent later. Rev. Watson proved a most pleasing host while to Mrs. Watson the guests expressed appreciation for the dinner, paying tribute to her ability to prepare an appetizing meal. Following the dinner the members of the class chatted for several hours before dispersing. Each member found a souvenir New

Year's card at his plate. The tables were appropriately decorated for the occasion.

## Local and Personal Mention.

**Miss Bessie Crickshank** of Toronto, Canada, Miss Myrtle Bailey of Greensburg and Cameron Bailey of Rockwood, Canada, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Norton.

**Misses Dillian Goodman, Naomi Rosenbaum, Helen and Florence Goldsmith** attended a dance held last evening in the Pittsburgh Conservatory of Music.

**Albert Kerr** left last evening for St. Paul, N. C. where he has accepted a position with the St. Paul Lumber Company.

**Mrs. W. S. Belmont** was called to Johnstown yesterday by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Mary Shaffer. Miss Gertrude Bludgen went to Graddock this morning to visit friends for a few days.

**Miss Clara Phinegan** of East End, Pittsburg, is the guest of the Misses Harrington.

**Mrs. H. G. Hall** is the guest of friends in Pittsburg.

**Mrs. Robert Anderson** and two children of Avonmore, were in town yesterday on their way to Berlin to visit Mrs. Anderson's parents.

**Don't fail to hear the Shepherd King** at the United Presbyterian Church tonight. Admission free.

**Mrs. Frank Marple** and little daughter, Vane, of Dawson, were the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Anna Kaufman, yesterday.

**Mrs. R. S. Matthews** went to Uniontown yesterday afternoon to visit relatives for a few days.

**Miss Vivian Chalfant** of Pennsylvania was the guest of Mrs. J. E. Gray of Fairview avenue, yesterday.

**Mr. and Mrs. M. Keenart** in visiting here. Mr. Keenart is a student at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

**Jack Olig** of Colliopolis, is visiting friends in town. Jack formerly resided in Conneltsville.

Many people are taking advantage of the china sale at Artman's, 109 West Main street.

**Mrs. C. C. Poling** and little daughter, Florence Jeanette, of Pittsburg, returned home yesterday after a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hart, of Greensburg.

**Mr. and Mrs. John Duggan** and Mrs. Anna Werner of New Haven, were in Pittsburg yesterday.

**Mrs. W. K. Hoffman** of Morgantown, returned home yesterday after a visit with her sister, Miss Margaret Blackstone.

**Miss Mabel Whit** of Uniontown, is the guest of Miss Eleanor Kitzelick.

**Miss Pearl Green** of St. Mary's, W. Va., is the guest of Miss Irene McCarty.

**Mrs. Margaret King** of Scotland, and guest, Miss Theresa Molyneux, of East Liverpool, O., were calling on friends here yesterday.

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**J. J. Dougherty** returned home this morning from a business mission in New York.

**Miss Marie Cochran** of Dawson, was calling on friends here yesterday.

**Mrs. Charles Wolfersberger** of Rockwood, has returned home after a visit with Mrs. Joseph Kiling, of the South Side.

**John G. Leslie**, clerk at the Arlington Hotel, has returned home from Poland, where he spent Christmas with his family.

**Miss Ella Skiff** returned home yesterday afternoon from a visit with relatives in Pittsburg.

The Shepherd King at the United Presbyterian Church tonight. Admission free.

**Dr. O'Brien** of Meyersdale, was calling on friends here yesterday.

**Rockwell Stillwagon** returned home yesterday from a visit in Pittsburg.

**Mrs. Guy Markle** and baby have returned to her home in Morgantown City, after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew York.

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hold this afternoon. A very excellent program has been arranged for the occasion.

**Mrs. Duran** was in Uniontown yesterday on business.

**Mrs. Martin Smith** of Dawson, was visiting friends here yesterday.

**Charles Duggan** is here from Pittsburg on a business mission.

**Miss Carrie Smith** of Dunbar, spent yesterday with friends here.

**Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hopkins** of McKeesport, returned home yesterday after a few days' visit with friends and relatives here.

**Miss Mary McGraw** of Dunbar, visited friends here yesterday.

**Miss Myrtle Kincaid** of Eighth street, has returned home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson of Avonmore.

**Mrs. Irene** husband of Mr. Pleasant, was the guest of Mrs. Gertrude Markle of Sixth street, yesterday.

**Ira Brooks** of Greensburg, went to his home at Normalville this morning, where he will remain over Sunday with his parents.

**Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Daniels** returned home yesterday from a visit with friends and relatives in Shiloh City.

**Dr. G. W. Gallagher** of Sixth street, was in Pittsburg yesterday on business.

**Mrs. Samuel Smith** of McKeesport, has returned home after a visit with friends.

**Funeral of Joseph Seidersky.** Impressive funeral services were held last evening at 8:30 o'clock over the remains of the late Joseph Seidersky at his late home on Green street, the rabbi from the Temple Israel Synagogue in Uniontown officiated. The services were attended by a large number of friends of the deceased and the funeral services were very beautiful. The Knights of Pythias of which the deceased was Past Grand Chancellor, attended the services in a body.

Accompanied by the following pallbearers: Louis Featherman, S. M. Goodman, Henry Goldsmith, L. M. Macdonald, Frank C. Phillips, at home, and other members of the funeral party the body was shipped to McKees Rocks for interment this morning, on the Duquesne.

**Mrs. Anne Gregg Phillips.** Mrs. Anne Gregg Phillips, 64 years old, widow of Thornton Phillips, is dead at her home, 3135 Penn avenue, Pittsburg. She was born in Washington county, and about 40 years ago married Mr. Phillips, who was a well known business man. She was a member of the Friendship Methodist Episcopal Church. One daughter, Miss Lynn Phillips, and three sons, Earl J. Phillips, C. E. Phillips, at home, and Charles W. Phillips, Brownsville, Pa., survive.

**Vincent Burns.** Infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Burns of Adelaide, died yesterday at the family home, aged three weeks. Funeral tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. Interment in St. Joseph's cemetery.

**Local Matters from the Sister Borough Across the Youghiogheny.**

**Mrs. John Jarrott** of Conneltsville, was the guest of Mrs. Frank Kinloch of Greensburg Wednesday.

**Miss Margaret Reed** of Pittsburg, is visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Gallagher, of Sixth street.

**John Leuk** and daughter, Mrs. Leroy yesterday.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the Glendon Literary Society is being

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4 bottles Ammonia.....25c	3 cans Early June Peas.....25c	6 lbs. Rolled Oats.....25c
3-5c boxes Matches.....10c	3 cans Fancy Pumpkin.....25c	4 lbs. Hominy.....25c
3-5c boxes Bag Blues.....10c	3 large cans Baked Beans.....25c	3 lbs. Good Rice.....25c
3-5c cakes Scouring.....10c	3 cans Kidney Beans.....25c	4 lbs. Fancy Head-Rice.....25c
7 rolls Toilet Paper.....25c	3 large cans Saut Kraut.....25c	2 boxes Grape Nuts.....25c
10 dozen Clothes Pins.....10c	2 cans Snider's Baked Beans.....25c	Shredded Wheat Biscuits.....12c

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10 lb. sack Corn Meal......22	Best California Hams, lb......9
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3 boxes Pancake and Buckwheat Flour......25	3 lbs. Evaporated Apples......25
Reliable Biscuit Flour, box......10	Fancy Seeded Raisins, full lb......10
6 cans Peerless Milk......25	Fancy Apricots, 2 lbs......25
2 lbs. Extra Choice Rio Coffee......25	Choice California Peaches, 3 lbs......25
1/2 lb. box Hershey Cocoa......20	Fancy Evaporated Blackberries lb......14
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Visit Mercy Hospital—Many to Hear  
Gipsy Smith.

SCOTTDALIE, Jan. 1.—The year was closed for the West Penn Railways Company so far as this town is concerned by one of the most peculiar accidents of railroading, when car No. 224 in charge of Motorman C. F. Ward, of Mt. Pleasant, and Conductor C. H. Lilly, of Scottdale, left the track at Broadway and Louisa avenue, where the tracks diverge on the Mt. Pleasant route and the Hunter route to Greensburg. When the car left the tracks it ran into the house occupied by Mrs. L. L. Marz. A stone retaining wall about three feet high surrounded this house, and the car struck at the corner of the wall, crushed it down, and then, having the porch on the corner, knocked out the posts from under it, smashed the floor and generally cleared it up. Deep tracks through the furniture pavements and a cut through the curb shows the course made by the wheels of the heavy car when it took the idea of running independent of rails. There was no one injured beyond one woman it is reported who received some scratches from broken glass. The surprise of the people in the house when the car struck it, was not, as some might think, as well as any of those who saw the car leave the tracks and glide across the street, and then smash into the porch. The passengers were all shaken up. A big crowd soon gathered about the car which was afterward replaced on the track and traffic resumed. The car left on the turn going from Broadway, onto Louisa avenue, due to the switch points, it is said, falling to work properly.

**Burgess Visits Pittsburgh.**  
Burgess William Ferguson, accompanied by his physician, Dr. James P. Strickler, went to Pittsburgh on the early train this morning. Mr. Ferguson was operated on in Mercy hospital there some time ago and has been getting along nicely ever since. His visit today is one to see the surgeon who made the operation and consult with him as to the patient's condition. Mr. Ferguson's recovery so far has been remarkably rapid.

**To Hear Gipsy Smith.**  
A large number of Scottdale people are arranging to visit Pittsburgh and hear Gipsy Smith, the famous evangelist, who will be at Exposition hall from tomorrow until January 18. Just what date they will go in has not been decided, but arrangements are being made for such a trip. From Ohio, West Virginia and this end of the Pennsylvania requests are being sent in from different towns where his fame has spread asking for the plans of the meetings. Robert Ritchie said today that the talk of going to the meetings is very widespread, and that Scottdale will have a large delegation. Several men are going down for the opening meeting tomorrow it is said. Scottdale ministers will be represented at the meeting for Ministers on Monday morning at the First Presbyterian Church at 10:30.

**Taken to Mercy Hospital.**  
Mrs. Nixon, wife of Chas. D. Nixon, of near Jacobs Creek Church, southwest of here, was taken to Mercy hospital, Pittsburgh, yesterday, for an operation. She was recently in the Mt. Pleasant hospital for treatment and it is believed that she would recover, but it was found necessary to take her to Mercy.

**To Celebrate New Year.**  
The Scandinavian Brotherhood has arranged to celebrate the New Year in the North Scottdale Mission Church Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. Among those appearing on the program are Miss Ella Eubank, Miss Lillian Johnson, Mrs. Ernest Young, Miss Lena Coulson, Mrs. S. Johnson, and Philip Rosch. There will also be several out of town people who will take part in the exercises.

**Gambling at Church.**  
Rev. James E. Hutchinson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will preach on the subject "Gambling" at that church next Sunday evening. In his morning Mr. Griggs will address the congregation on the subject of the Y. M. C. A.

**New Year Brought In.**  
The advent of 1909 was marked at midnight with the usual blowing of whistles, that made one of the noisiest demonstrations of the kind ever heard here. There were all sorts of other racket mixed in with it too, among them being a drum corps that marched over the streets playing loudly.

**Somerset Italian Quake Victim.**  
SOMERSET, Jan. 1.—Word was received here yesterday afternoon that Frank Blechler, who was well known in Somerset county as a bridge builder and who was spending the winter with relatives in Sicily, was killed in the earthquake disaster.

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## Scrap Book

**Oyster Crackers.**  
Mrs. Blank knew that the girl was raw, but she had engaged her for that very reason, feeling that by careful instruction she might be able to develop Nora's latent possibilities into a fairly expert handling of the affairs in her dining room. Talking her into the dining room, she showed her in detail where everything was, from the salt cellar to the fish forks; initiated her into the mysteries of the china closet and otherwise gave her a pretty comprehensive first lesson in domestic economy.

**Insisted on a Miracle.**  
Dr. Walter C. Smith, the popular Scotch poet-preacher, on one occasion tried to explain to an old lady the meaning of the Scriptural expression, "Take up thy bed and walk," by saying that the bed was simply a mat or rug easily taken up and carried away. "No, no," replied the lady. "I cannot believe that. The bed was a regular four poster. There would be no miracle in walking away with a bit of mat or rug on your back."

**Making it Plain.**  
In the course of his sermon the preacher in a rural district used the word phenomenon. This word caused one of the members some trouble, for he was unable to attach any meaning to it. Finally he determined to seek an explanation from the minister and at the close of the service approached him on the subject.

"What did you mean by that there long word you used in yer sermon?" he began.

"Oh, I see you do not know what a phenomenon is," replied the minister. "Well, have you ever seen a cow grazing in a field in which thistles were growing?"

"Yes, many a time."

"That is not a phenomenon. And so doubt you have often listened to a lark singing merrily away in the clouds?"

"Yes."

"That, again, is not a phenomenon. But if you saw that cow sitting on a thistle singing like a lark that would be a phenomenon."

**Optimist and Pessimist.**  
Said, somewhat once wrote a comedy entitled "The Optimist," which achieved success after its production, but was a long time reaching the stage. Manager after manager refused the manuscript, and one day Mr. Rosenfeld, whose patience was exhausted, blurted out to his sole auditor:

"Of course you know the meaning of the word?"

"Yes, I do," protested the impresario. "Well," insisted Rosenfeld, "what's the difference between an optimist and a pessimist?"

"The manager barely hesitated. 'An optimist is an eye doctor,' he said; 'a pessimist is a foot doctor.'"

**Would Have the Author.**  
During a performance of Sophocles' tragedy of "Antigone" at the Theater Royal, Dublin, the gallery gods, a very important portion of the audience in that city, were greatly pleased and, according to their custom, called for the author.

"Bring out Sophocles!" some one shouted.

After while the manager appeared, and there was a general shout until he explained that Sophocles had been dead 2,000 years and more and could not well come.

"Then chuck us out his mummy!" came back in answer from the gallery.

**A Well Conducted Conscience.**  
A man who does not use his conscience often has terrible paroxysms of it, but a man who uses it all the time never comes into what is called a state of conscience. It comes on him as dew on flowers and falls on him as dew on flowers and falls on him as dew on flowers.

**John Drew and the French Actress.**  
It was the social duty of John Drew, the actor, to escort a young French actress on her first visit to New York to a roof garden. The orchestra was playing a melodious air as they entered, and after being seated the actress remarked to Mr. Drew the name of the selection.

"I Love You, I Love You," replied Mr. Drew.

"Yes, yes, I know," returned the French girl, with an appreciative glance of coquetry, "but see how late my play, Maitre Doree—what see do name of it?"

**A Good Resolution.**  
At the beginning of the year is a good time to make new resolutions. And a good resolution to make is this: "Resolved that I will save a part of every dollar I earn." Try it during 1909, and deposit your savings at the Citizens National Bank, Connelville, where they will earn a per cent interest.

## CATHEDRAL NEAR AMERICAN CONSULATE IN REGGIO, CITY OBLITERATED BY EARTHQUAKE.



A correspondent who is on the scene of the earthquake along the strait of Messina cables that "Messina was blotted out to an accompaniment of wails of anguish, but Reggio disappeared in silence, without a cry." This sentence gives some idea of the suddenness and enormity of the catastrophe. This picture shows the ancient cathedral of Reggio on a feast day. The American consulate was just across the street from the church and is marked by an American flag. Thousands of persons were killed within a few rods of the consulate. The tidal wave that swept from the strait at the instant of the earthquake flooded the city to a depth of thirty feet. Only the villas on the hills behind the town were left standing. A prison collapsed, killing 1,800 convicts. Practically all the students in the college of Reggio were killed. A telegram received at Rome after the quake said, "Messina and Reggio look like Pompeii."

### DUNBAR.

DUNBAR, Jan. 1.—New Year's was a business affair at Dunbar on Thursday.

George Smithley was in Dunbar on Thursday transacting business.

Mrs. Dennis Kewin and two children, who have been here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Kewin for the past few days, left on Wednesday for her home at Elizabeth, Pa.

George Wishart was a business caller in Dunbar on Thursday.

John D. Seaton, tax collector of Dunbar township, was a business caller in Dunbar on Thursday.

Miss Marie McBurney of Vanderbilt, was on Thursday the guest of Miss Marie Seaton at Dunbar.

John D. Seaton and daughter Miss Seaton, who have been the guests of friends and relatives at Somerset, Pa., for the past week, returned home on Thursday.

George Huchler was a business caller in Dunbar on Thursday.

Miss Emma McEntee, substitute teacher at Dunbar township school, was teaching at the school on Thursday during the absence of the principal, Henry T. Aho, who was attending the wedding of his brother at Tarantum, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson entertained at "dinner" at their home on Connellville street on New Year's eve. Three tables were put in use during the evening and at midnight a dainty luncheon was served by the hostess.

Harry W. Goff moved his family on Thursday from Railroad street to a new home on the Fifth block on Connellville street.

Miss Anna McDurrell has accepted a position as clerk in F. H. Leisner's store on New Year's eve. Three tables were put in use during the evening and at midnight a dainty luncheon was served by the hostess.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church held their regular meeting on Thursday in the church and gave the church a thorough cleaning.

The following were recent visitors to Dunbar: Mrs. Robert H. Huchler, Miss Ella and Jean Wishart, Mrs. B. G. Kelley, Mrs. R. G. Kelley, Mrs. John Duff, Mrs. Katherine Duff, and Miss Clara Devan.

### MT. PLEASANT.

MT. PLEASANT, Jan. 1.—Amid the ringing of bells, blowing of whistles and the shooting of guns, the old year was ushered out and the new year welcomed in Mt. Pleasant promptly at 12 o'clock.

The home of "Mollie's Mission," was formerly "Mollie's Mission," was the scene of a very pretty wedding last Thursday evening, when Miss Rebecca Cavanaugh and Harry Hymman, both of Republic, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Watson Bracken of Stanistown. Mrs. Emma Hymman is a sister of Mr. Hymman. An elaborate dinner was served for the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Witt and daughter Nellie, are guests at the home of Mrs. Mary Hunter of near Kocksburg, today.

who at 10:30, last evening. The Slovak Independent Political Club yesterday, through its President, Ludwig Kappner, turned over \$5 to the local hospital.

The Mt. Pleasant Tool Company will resume work in full at its local factory the first of the year.

Mrs. William Lehr while calling on Mrs. Charles Shields in the bank flats on Monday slipped on the stairway and fell getting an ugly gash in her head.

Starting tonight all the local stores, by an arrangement among themselves, will close their doors at 5 o'clock sharp each evening until the holidays next December.

Lawrence Green took the examination for mail carrier at Greensburg, yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Mite and daughter Ruby Shallenberger of Fredericktown, were here on business yesterday.

Charles Brown, a local clothier, was a business caller at Kocksburg, yesterday.

Percy Shupe was a business caller at Scottdale yesterday morning.

Miss Mary Ida McGee was calling on relatives at Scottdale yesterday.

Miss Arminda Gailley was shopping at Connellville on Thursday afternoon.

The Citizens Savings and Trust Company, the new receiver of the Anchor Glass Company and the Searchlight Manufacturing Company, is taking steps to have an apartment of the Dunbar plan plants of these two concerns made by experts from other places and to determine definitely whether it would be better to continue their operation or let them go to the benefit of the creditors.

John Hays of the Park Hotel, is reported on the sick list.

Charles Englemy made a business trip to Somerset one day this week.

The annual New Year's eve dance was held last night in the Thrasher hall with a large attendance. The affair was one of the most enjoyable ever given in Confluence. The music

### CONFLUENCE.

CONFLUENCE, Jan. 1.—C. C. Chink, a business caller in town yesterday.

Burt Kreidman has returned home after a few days' stay with his sister, Mrs. R. G. Wolford.

A. C. Miller, formerly a resident of this town, is now in Confluence, where he will visit the former's brother for a few days.

was furnished by the Confluence orchestra. Dancing commenced at 8:30 and continued up to a late hour, after which a dainty lunch was served.

John Hinger was a Confluence visitor in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Kelm of near Addison, spent Thursday in town with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edgar.

C. R. Plunkett, Ed. Shaw, George Hall and Clay Shaw were among the business callers in town Thursday.

Prof. Charles Critchfield, after spending several days with his parents in town, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Critchfield, returned to his home in Knoxville.

Miss Fannie Black gave a reception for her music pupils at her home Thursday afternoon between the hours of 2 and 4. A very pleasant afternoon was spent and a most elegant lunch served.

Paul Liston of Watsonville, spent Wednesday in town with friends.

### VANDERBILT.

VANDERBILT, Pa., Jan. 1.—C. F. Gween of Uniontown, was calling on relatives here Wednesday. Mr. Gween was formerly of this place.

Mr. Booth of Pittsburgh, was a recent caller here.

Sturgeon Bailey and family have moved to McKeesport. Mr. Bailey has accepted a position in that city.

Ruby Shallenberger of Fredericktown, was here on business recently.

Solomon Haffner is on the sick list.

Mr. Dikabach Haffner has gone to Mobile, Ala., to spend the winter.

R. F. Robinson of McKeesport, was a caller here this week.

Miss Ruth of Pittsburgh, was calling on friends and relatives here this week.

Ed. Wetzel of Black Lick, was a business caller here Wednesday.

The Dawson and Vanderbilt bowling teams came to a clash Wednesday afternoon at the Vanderbilt bowling alley. Vanderbilt won by a large score.

## Special Fur Sale

FOR  
Saturday, January 2, 1909.

Plenty of choice.  
Come and select from  
among a large assortment  
of popular furs.



### Beautiful Black Lynx

Black Lynx Neckpieces that  
sell for \$45.00 for \$27.50  
Saturday, only.....

German Black Lynx Neck-  
pieces worth \$25, \$13.75  
for Saturday, only.....

German Black Lynx Muffs  
worth \$25.00, for \$13.75  
Saturday, only.....

### The Popular Jap Mink Furs.

\$15.00 Jap Mink Muffs for  
this sale..... \$9.90

\$17.50 Jap Mink Muffs for this  
sale..... \$11.40

\$25.00 Jap Mink Muffs for this sale  
..... \$16.90

We have neckpieces to match all muffs that will be sold at same  
reduction.

### Pointed Fox Furs.

\$15.00 Fox Muffs Special  
for Saturday..... \$8.40

\$25.00 Fox Muffs Special  
for Saturday..... 13.90

\$15.00 Fox Neckpieces  
Special for Saturday..... \$8.40

\$25.00 Fox Neckpieces  
Special for Saturday..... 11.90

### Children's Fur Sets.

\$2.00 Children's Sets  
Special for Saturday only..... \$1.19

\$3.00 Children's Sets  
Special for Saturday only..... \$1.69

\$4.00 Children's Sets  
Special for Saturday only..... \$2.40

\$5.00 Children's Sets  
Special for Saturday only..... \$2.90

Furs Not Listed Will Be Sold at Great Reduction

## Feldstein's,

136 N. Pittsburg St., Connelville, Pa.

### OHIOPILE.

OHIOPILE, Jan. 1.—Mrs. A. F. Potter and son, John, spent Thursday visiting friends and shopping in Connelville.

Hugh Leonard of Dunbar was calling on friends in town Thursday.

The dance held at the Banter park dancing and skating pavilion Wednesday evening was going along nicely and was becoming known as the "Belle Grove" dance.

U. G. Sybert spent Thursday attending to business matters in Connelville and Scottdale.

Louis and Albert Burnworth, who have been spending the past week with relatives in Bedford county, returned to their home near here Wednesday evening.

Miss Oona Corristan, who has been visiting relatives and friends at Brownsville and surrounding towns, returned home last evening.

Miss George Stewart of near Belle Grove left Thursday evening for McKeesport to spend a few days with relatives.

Mrs. Rattle of Uniontown is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. U. G. Sybert.

Mrs. John Hays of Indian Creek was the guest of relatives and friends in town Thursday.

If you have anything you want to sell advertise it in our classified column.

### SMITHFIELD.

SMITHFIELD, Dec. 31.—Miss Mary Miller and L. P. Smith, teachers in the Baptist Sunday School, will give a supper to their classes at Christopher's tonight.

Class No. 6 of the Presbyterian Sunday School will banquet at the Town Hall at the same time.

U. S. Bureau census the class of the Baptist Sunday School a fine supper at its residence on Liberty street one night last week.

Class No. 6 and the writer were in the county seat today transacting business.

### BELLEVERNON.

BELLEVERNON, Jan. 1.—Mrs. C. F. Eggers of Uniontown, is the guest of relatives here.

Miss Clara Price of Webster, spent Thursday the guest of Mrs. W. H. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jones gave a 6 o'clock dinner to a number of their friends on Thursday evening.

A musical will be given in the M. E. Church tonight. The performers are: Miss Lillian Hammit, soprano; Miss Dolores Reed, contralto; Mrs. Minnie R. Riddle, reader; Miss Winifred Brown, violinist; Miss Grace McKinnon, pianist; Mrs. C. H. Ellis, organist.

Miss John Brown attended a party at Charlier's this week given in honor of Miss Laura Brown.

Mrs. William B. Boppert and Mrs. Harry S. Robinson were visitors at Pittsburgh today.

### In Memoriam.

At the regular meeting of branch No. 42, Catholic Mutual Benefit Association, held December 18, 1908, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Almighty God has seen fit to call from our midst, our worthy brother, Michael Donegan, a long time member of this association. Be it

Resolved, that in the death of brother Donegan, we feel that we have lost a loyal brother and his family, a devoted father, and in view of the loss we have sustained and the still greater loss felt by his family; be it further

Resolved, that this tribute of our respect to our late associate be entered upon the minutes, and our charter draped in black for 30 days. We also extend to the members of his bereaved family our deepest sympathies, in this, the hour of sorrow and affliction, and trust that the kindness of their grief may be tempered, somewhat, by the realization of the fact, that he leaves to them the life history of a loving and devoted father, and a good man.

J. J. BRADY,  
E. DUBLIN,  
Committee.

### UNCLAIMED LETTERS

At the Connelville Postoffice During the Past Week.

Brown, Mrs. Minnie, Wm. H. Bigam, J. D. Maxwell, Miss Ray, Bowman, Mrs. Maria, Miss Maryanna Bloom, Miss Matilda, McCombs, Dr. E. A. Buckner, Jacob, Edw. Edwards, Boardman, Anton, M. M. Boardman, Mrs. Sarah Porter, Frank, Culp, Herbert, Robbins, Miss Helen, Cook, E. L. Robb, Miss Lauretta, Deem, A. P. S. Stillwagon, Miss E. B. Dooley, Charles, Shaffer, H. J. Gibson, Gov. M. Templeton, Harry, Heary, Liza, Williams, Hugh, Hoggans, Rev. C. M. Weathers, James, Lincoln, Mrs. M. E. Wingate, C. C. Murphy, Miss P. Young, Chas. L. Majors, Paul, Foreman, Miner, Miss Martha, Rafaela, Delisgore.



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ADVERTISING.  
THE DAILY COURIER has double the circulation of any other daily newspaper in Fayette county or the Connelville coke region and it is better distributed for the general advertiser. It is the only paper that presents each week a new and different circulation. THE WEEKLY COURIER is the recognized organ of the Connelville coke trade. It has special value as an industrial journal and an advertising medium for such interests.

### STATEMENT OF CIRCULATION.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, COUNTY OF FAYETTE, ss.

Before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public within and for said County and State, personally appeared James J. Driscoll, who being duly sworn according to law, did depose and say:

That he is Manager of Circulation of The Courier, a daily newspaper published in Connelville, Pa., and that the number of copies printed during the week ending, Saturday, December 26, 1908, was as follows:

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January	14,000	5,600
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of December, 1908.

HUSTEAD, A. CROW, N. P.

FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 1, 1909.

### STRICKEN ITALY'S SAD AND BOWING NEW YEAR.

The Italian catastrophe grows in horror with the days. In Southern Italy the Glad New Year is ushered in upon a country depopulated, devastated, destroyed; two provinces shaken out of all civilized semblance; a group of islands with 23,000 happy people, hitherto living in a land of sunshine and gladness, suddenly sunk into the depths of the sea.

If the report be true that the Lipari Islands have been swallowed up, the legend has lost the Aeolian Islands and the Forge of Vulcan. It is probable that the center of the seismic disturbance was at or near those islands, on one of which the ever active volcano of Stromboli, "the Forge of Vulcan," was situated. If the force of the eruption found it vent here, it is easily understood how a mighty subsidence of the earth's crust, following a corresponding upheaval, has swallowed up with one mighty gulp all this populous, fair and fruitful country, leaving not a wreck behind.

The mind can hardly grasp the magnitude of the Italian disaster. Our sympathy is stirred to its depths by the news of missing disasters in which scores or perhaps hundreds of lives have been sacrificed. The civilized world holds out its hands in horror and in protest against the ravages of hellish war which sacrifice hundreds or thousands of brave men who go forth to fight. How much more terrible then is the calamity which has overtaken the sunny and of Italy, destroying whole cities, devastating whole provinces, sinking bodily into the abyssal depths of the sea populous islands, and murdering its victims, not by thousands or tens of thousands, but by hundreds of thousands.

It has been a Sad New Year for Stricken Italy. Let us who are more fortunate in both our surroundings and our circumstances lend our aid generously to a cause which appeals so pitifully so powerfully, so dumbly yet so undeniably to all whose hearts have not turned to stone and whose bowels of compassion have not shriveled up.

### NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION AND PRICES.

The consumption of natural gas continues to increase in this section, and while we get a portion of our supply from West Virginia we in turn send a portion of our surplus to Ohio, upon the whole Western Pennsylvania is the greatest producer and the greatest consumer of this incomparable fuel, and it would keenly feel the loss of even a diminution of it.

The development of big gas fields in Ohio county is reassuring in view of the attempts of West Virginia lawmakers to restrict it not actually for the sale of natural gas outside of that State. It is exceedingly questionable however, whether such a law would be constitutional.

The report for 1907 shows that while this immediate section is not far removed from an abundant supply of natural gas the domestic rate is a little higher than the average. The domestic rate now is 25 cents net, though it formerly was but 20 cents, while the average rate for 1907 was 21.2 cents.

The unwise and unbusinesslike policy of selling wholesale gas at 10 cents when 25 cents is readily obtainable from domestic consumers is not open to question, and can only be explained on the hypothesis that the producers need the money.

### THE GLOOMY OLD YEAR AND THE PROMISING NEW.

We may say with pleasure as well as with hope, what we hesitated in doubt and fear to say to our readers one year ago, Happy New Year!

The past year was full of trouble for the people of this country. Starting in the fall of 1906 with the Wall Street Bank Wreckers' Panic the whole country was quickly involved in business depression, idleness and distress, with the natural depressing effect of a Presidential election to add to the burdens of recovery. But the business with the close of the year and the success of the party of sanity and safety the business world is full of confidence and the wheels of industry are moving at an accelerated and accelerating pace. The New Year opens up bright for hardness and written largely upon its golden dawn is the word Prosperity.

Not only was 1907 a depressing year in business, but in many other matters it has a gloomy record. Its disasters embrace the great and school house accidents, multiple mine explosions and destructive forest fires, drought and tornadoes, cholera and bubonic plague, ending with the greatest earthquake catastrophe in the world's history of upheavals.

The Glad New Year is always happy in its good resolutions, and 1909 will be no exception to the rule. New Year's resolutions are usually made to be broken, but they are not on this account to be despised. Some of them are sometimes kept faithfully and are productive of much happiness. Be the harvest ever so small the planting is profitable. Let us all, therefore, resolve to do better and be better. We will be better for the resolution if we keep it but for a day. It is not necessary to supplement such resolutions by solemn oath the breaking of which while not perjury from a legal standpoint is a publication of weakness if not sinfulness and a distinct loss in personal creditability.

The New Year opens with hopes of better things, and let us all do what we can to make them better for others as well as for ourselves, to the end that it may in fact be as well as in name be a Happy New Year.

### A DECISION FOUNDED ON CUSTOM AND COMMON SENSE.

The Fayette County Court has decided that a Justice of the Peace is removable from office under a Legislative regulation notwithstanding the Constitution says that elective officers shall be removed by the Governor on the address of the Senate.

If the Constitution in this particular referred to elective borough and township offices it would be a screaming farce. The Senate and the Governor would have to sit continuously to hear complaints concerning recalcitrant Town Councilmen, School Directors, Town Constables and other petty officers. Under the existing laws and practices, which have never been called into question, such removals have been by the courts and in some instances by the local bodies themselves as for example in the case of School Boards.

The decision of Judge Van Swearingen is founded on custom and common sense.

Fairmont has landed a \$3,000,000 steel plant, not because it is better located with respect to railroad facilities or new material resources, but because it has free water navigation, yet some people think the utilization of the Yough is the dream of dreamers, not worth consideration if actually acquired.

The Old Year was humorously and merrily danced out.

Fayette county coal land buyers are again looking toward West Virginia.

The busy burglar is respectfully advised that a good New Year's resolution for him to adopt is one which pledges himself to get a job of honest work and put himself in a position to look the world in the face without constant fear of the law's heavy hand.

Some of our esteemed contemporaries are promising to be good. This is encouraging.

Let's all throw our hammers in the junk heap.

Foraker's last hope has fled.

Uncle Sam doesn't stand on ceremony when a sufficient quantity stretches forth its hand. Some violations of laws and regulations are justifiable by the Higher Law.

Write it 1909.

The West Penn collected with Scotland last night.

The Ohio Senatorial fight has resolved itself into a compromise in which Congressman Burton will escape the Steam Roller and ride into the Senate and on the wings of victory.



1909—Happy New Year, everyone! Here's something Keep them!

## Classified Advertisements.

Wanted. Lost.

WANTED—MIDDLE AGED WOMAN for general housework. Apply 509 VINE STREET. Sidelstd

WANTED—FURNISHED ROOM BY gentleman, with breakfast preferably. Address "X," Courier Office. Sidelstd

WANTED—ONE FIRST CLASS steam boiler, none new, but a first class man that has had experience in piping up if P. boilers. Apply to L. LAWRENCE, West Penn Power Station. Sidelstd

FOR RENT—HOUSE No. 312 Cedar Avenue, \$25.00. Apply J. DONALD PORTER, 115 W. Main street. Sidelstd

FOR RENT—HOUSE, 5 ROOMS, GAS bath, hot and cold water, \$11. Apply on premises rear KING'S STORE. Sidelstd

FOR SALE—ADVERTISEMENTS in THE COURIER always brings the answer. One cent a word. Sidelstd

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## BRILLIANT AFFAIR AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Hold Their Last New Year's Reception.

### THE ATTENDANCE WAS LARGE

Extraordinary Precautions Taken By Secret Service to Guard the Life of the President.—The Public Also Relieved.

Special to The Courier.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—In accordance with the tradition of the White House, the President and Mrs. Roosevelt held their last New Year's reception at the White House today. Under the present administration, these receptions have always been unusually brilliant and today's event, perhaps because it was President Roosevelt's last function of that kind, surpassed in brilliancy and large attendance even that of last year, which held the record in both respects.

The grounds surrounding the White House had been put in perfect condition during the past few days and the White House, especially the rooms to be used in the reception, had been decorated with unprecedented magnificence. Plants and flowers from the greenhouses had been grouped in different halls, rooms and corridors with exquisite taste, to form an artistic background for the gorgeous uniforms and court dresses of the diplomats and attending representatives of the Army and Navy.

Within certain restrictions the receptions at the White House on New Year's Day are free to all and every year thousands avail themselves of this opportunity to pay their respects to the President and, incidentally, to gratify their curiosity. But, never had been greater the number of those craving admission to the White House than today. The lines in the grounds began to form four hours before 9 o'clock, while the beginning of the reception had been set, as usual, for 11 o'clock.

Before the opening of the public reception President and Mrs. Roosevelt, assisted by Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and Miss Ethel Roosevelt, who has made her social debut only a few days ago, received the members of the Cabinet and their ladies. The President, attired in the regulation frock suit, with turndown collar and a dark tie, seemed to be in excellent humor and chatted easily with the members of his official family, while Mrs. Roosevelt, in a handsome reception gown, made the honors of the occasion to the wives and daughters of the Cabinet ministers. Vice President Fairbanks and Mrs. Fairbanks headed the Cabinet party and were followed in order by Secretary and Mrs. Root and other members of the Cabinet and their ladies.

A few minutes before 11 o'clock a trumpet fanfare heralded the beginning of the reception. The members of the band, hidden in the corridor, behind a screen of ferns and palms, struck up an inspiring march and the receiving party, headed by President and Mrs. Roosevelt, descended the stairs from the upper floor, crossed the corridor and entered the Blue Parlor, where the reception was to be held.

President and Mrs. Roosevelt took their position near the door leading from the Red Room to the Blue Parlor and the other members of the receiving party, in the order of their official rank, arranged themselves along the side of the room, forming a semi-circle in the South end of the room. Around the doorway through which the visitors were to enter, secret service men hovered, who kept their eyes upon the guests as they passed through the door. Nobody was permitted to carry a handkerchief or muffler in his hand and nobody was permitted to pass along the line with hands in his pockets.

Promptly at 11 o'clock the doors of the Red Room were thrown open and the foreign ambassadors and their staffs, accompanied by their ladies, began to file into the Blue Parlor, where they were cordially greeted by the President and formally introduced to the other members of the receiving party. First came the dean of the diplomatic corps, Baron Hohenhausen, the Austrian-Hungarian ambassador, accompanied by the Baroness. The ambassador personally introduced the members of his staff, all of whom were representative in their diplomatic or military uniforms. Next in order came the Ambassador from France and Mrs. Jusserand and after them the other foreign ambassadors according to their "antecedents." There were but few changes in the personnel of the ambassadorial party. Germany was represented by Count Johann Heinrich von Bernstorff, the successor of Baron Speck von Sternburg. He was accompanied by his wife, an American woman. China was again represented by Wu Ting Fang, who was accompanied by a gorgeously arrayed staff.

After the ambassadors came the ministers and minor diplomatic representatives, among them Count Moltke, the newly appointed minister from Denmark and his charming wife and the new Swedish Minister, de Lagercrantz and his wife. The members of the diplomatic corps were later entertained at breakfast by Secretary and Mrs. Root.

After the diplomatic corps followed the Supreme Court and other judicial

## FOUR OF PITTSBURG'S COUNCILMEN WHO FIGURE IN BIG SCANDAL



Joseph Wasson, Councilman.



T. D. Atkinson, Councilman.



Johnny Klein, Councilman.



William Brand, Councilman.

and after the representatives of the Army and Navy had paid their respects to the President, the general public was admitted.

### LOREE TALKED OF FOR N. Y. CENTRAL.

J. E. Muhfeld Said To Be Slated For High Position On Vanderbilt Lines.

More talk has been heard during the past few days about the choice of a new President of the New York Central lines to succeed W. H. Newnam, who handed in his resignation recently, to become effective February 1. It was thought possible by many that some decisive action would be taken at the regular meeting in New York yesterday, but if anything of that character engaged attention it was not made public. The meeting lasted only half an hour.

While no one will dispute what has been said, that W. C. Brown, senior Vice President of the New York Central, is the logical successor to Mr. Newnam, other names have been suggested. The one dealt with most is L. F. Loree, former President of the Baltimore & Ohio, now President of the Delaware & Hudson. Mr. Loree has also been spoken of in connection with the Presidency of the new company to be organized by merging the Wheeling & Lake Erie, the Washburn-Pittsburgh Terminal and the Westside & Erie railroads, when the representatives of the three Gould lines are united. E. Muhfeld, who recently resigned as General Superintendent of motive power of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, is said to be slated for a high position with the New York Central.

According to another story in circulation, but which requires verification, E. H. Hartman was elected three weeks ago Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors in place of Chauncey M. Depew, but for private and specific reasons, publicity of the fact has been withheld.

### CONNELLSVILLE MEN FILE THEIR PETITIONS.

S. Scott Snader Will Make a Fight For Tax Collector on the Republican Ticket.

Connellsville is well represented in the batches of nomination papers which are being filed at the office of the County Commissioners. Tomorrow is the last day for filing these and the Commissioners' office will be closed promptly at 5 o'clock in the evening. Any petitions reaching the office after that time will be too late for the petitioner to get his name on the primary ballot.

This morning S. S. Snader filed his papers for Republican candidate to succeed George B. Brown as Tax Collector in Connellsville. It was at first thought Mr. Brown would have no opposition but Snader has entered the lists confident of success.

William G. Hicks will contest the nomination of Dr. T. H. White for School Director in the Second Ward. Thomas J. Brennan has filed his papers as a candidate for Council from the same ward on the Democratic ticket.

### PARENTS FOLLOW

Commit Suicide After Daughter Had Died of Pneumonia.

New York, Jan. 1.—Unable to endure the thought of spending their declining years alone and without the cheering presence of a daughter, whom they both worshiped, Professor J. P. Gordy of New York university and his wife committed suicide a few hours after the death of their daughter. The girl, eighteen years old, died of pneumonia.

The parents retired to their apartments and, getting into bed, swallowed the contents of three bottles of chloroform. They were found clasped in each other's arms.

Kills Brother For Swearing.

Muskegon, Okla., Jan. 1.—Lee Marchbanks, deeply religious, shot and killed his brother John at their home near Catonsville, because John used profanity while in the house.

### EARLY HAPPENINGS IN NEW YEAR.

BERNE, Jan. 1.—With the simple ceremonies customary to the occasion, Adolphe Dauterive was today installed as President of the Swiss Republic in succession to Dr. F. C. Brenner.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 1.—The heads of the various departments of the National Educational Association met in conference here today to formulate a program for the association's next convention, which is to be held in Denver next July.

DAYTON, Ky., Jan. 1.—Many crack shots faced the traps here today at the opening of the third annual Tri-State championship tournament of the Northern Kentucky Gun Club. Three events comprised the day's program, open to both amateurs and professionals.

ROME, Jan. 1.—The Pope today sent his blessing to the faithful throughout the world in return for the many manifestations of affection received by him with the advent of the new year.

CITY OF MEXICO, Jan. 1.—The New Year's reception of President Diaz at the National Palace today was attended by the foreign diplomats, the justices of the courts, members of Congress, civil officials, officers of the army and navy and many others.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—The postal agreement recently concluded between the United States and Germany went into effect today. The chief feature is the reduction from five cents to two cents in the postage of letters routed direct between the two countries.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 1.—More than five thousand numbers were sold in the New Year "Shooters" parade, which for years has been a unique and picturesque feature of the elaborate New Year's celebration in Philadelphia.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 1.—Guests from Chicago, Kansas City and other points are here for the wedding of Miss Anna Hoch, daughter of Governor and Mrs. Edward W. Hoch, and James Winfred Rehl of Chicago, which takes place this evening at the governor's home.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Hundreds of distinguished guests, including all of the prominent members of the American colony in London, attended the New Year's reception given today by Ambassador and Mrs. Rehl.

PASADENA, Cal., Jan. 1.—The elaborate floral parade and carnival, which has been the big feature of the mid-winter season in Pasadena for nearly twenty years, took place today as usual and was witnessed by a crowd estimated at over 30,000 persons.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Brilliant ceremonies today attended the inauguration of Governor Charles E. Hughes for a second term. A parade of military escorted the Governor to the Capitol, where the ceremonies of installation took place at 1 o'clock in the Executive Chamber. The inauguration was followed by a public reception.

HAVANA, Jan. 1.—The withdrawal of the American troops from Cuba was begun today with the departure of the cruiser *Patric* with 400 marines returning to the United States. The *Patric* is to be followed tomorrow by the transport *Sumner* with the Twenty-eighth Infantry on board. The evacuation is expected to be complete by April.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 1.—The pension system put into operation today by the packing concern of Nelson Morris & Company, is one of the most comprehensive ever adopted by an American industrial corporation for the benefit of its employees. In addition to the pension fund the plan embraces an employees' cooperative bank and an industrial profit-sharing scheme. Ten thousand employees of the main and subsidiary companies will share in the benefits of the plan.

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### AT THE THEATRES.

SOISSON THEATRE.  
Guy Bros' Minstrels.  
The old reliable Guy Brothers, with their first-class minstrel show, will make a visit to the Soisson Theatre Monday, January 4. They carry a company of 40 singers, dancers and comedians, and every one is an artist in his line. The famous silver concert band will parade at noon and give a concert in front of the theatre at 7:30. Each year they bring a brand new show and each year the show seems a little better than their previous visit. There is a lot of new stuff still to be seen.

"Married For Money."  
The attraction at the Soisson Theatre, January 5, will be Lem B. Parker's new powerful drama of contemporary American social life, entitled, "Married For Money" or "The Old Wife and the New." and will be presented for the second time in this city next Tuesday, January 5. The play deals with a certain phase of life in some of our most select social circles, and is a startling exposition of the evils consequent upon a too liberal belief in the sacredness of the marriage vow and the disregard of the sanctity of the home. The story is one of absorbing heart interest and to all lovers of the drama, it will undoubtedly prove one of the dramatic treats of the season. The tour is under the direction of Chas. T. Vance, who has provided a competent cast and adequate costumes and accessories.

CASINO THEATRE.  
"The Parisian Ballets Burlesque."  
T. L. White will present the "Parisian Ballets" in a rapid fire first part "The Aristocrat" and the big scream "The Actor's Hotel" as the after piece. Both farces are replete with comedy that convulse their audiences and are interspersed with musical singing and dancing numbers by a heavy chorus of 20 ladies whose ability and grace of execution pronounce them past masters of the terpsichorean art. Particular attention on the part of the management to the wardrobe has produced an effect which for color, scheme, glitter and brilliancy has not been seen heretofore. It is without fear of contradiction that they produce this one of the star burlesque aggregations on the road this season. The whole is another feature with "The Parisian Ballets" that deserves special mention as it contains fine acts of exceptional merit. The entertainment is pleasing in the extreme and is made up of the following favorites: Misses Hazel Grant, Williams and Segal, Trilby Ayers, Gramlich and Conditin, Miss Margaret King. Extra added feature Raymond and Serrano in their clever fencing and boxing act.

### PRETTY "500" PARTY GIVEN AT DAWSON.

Mrs. Eli Huston and Daughters Give a Very Pleasant Social Function.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Huston at Dawson was the scene of two very charming social functions when Mrs. Huston and her daughters, Misses Bessie and Harriet, entertained at "500" yesterday afternoon and evening. The guests at the afternoon function included principally friends of Mrs. Huston. Five tables were called into play and at the close of the games a very dainty luncheon was served. Ten tables were called into play at the evening party and the guests included the younger social set of Dawson. The charity prizes were awarded to Misses Bessie and Harriet. In the evening Mrs. Huston and her daughters were again the hosts and evening was Mrs. Huston and her daughters Bessie and Harriet, Mrs. J. L. Cochran, the latter of Star Junction. The decorations were suggestive of the Yuletide season and were very attractive. The predominant color scheme was red and green, holly, Christmas bells, mistletoe and carnations were used throughout the house. At midnight carols were sung and to partake of a deliciously appointed luncheon. The out of town guests present were Mrs. Lida Ogilvie of Scotland.

### OLD AGE PENSION SYSTEM IS STARTED.

England's Method of Taking Care of Her Aged Residents Provides for All.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Old-age pensions, which, for a quarter of a century has been a subject of lively debate in the British parliament and heated discussion in the public press, became an accomplished fact today with the coming into effect of the measure forced through the last session of Parliament by the Liberal Government. With the exception of the Irish home rule bill no measure that has been in Parliament in recent years has attracted more attention than has the old-age pension bill.

The law, in effect, provides that beginning with this date every person in Great Britain and over seventy years of age, who is not a lunatic, and has not been convicted of crime, and whose income does not exceed a sum amounting to £130 a year, is entitled to a pension of five shillings a week from the public treasury. In cases where husband and wife or several other members of the same family living together apply the pro rata is slightly reduced. Nobody is to be allowed a pension who has "habitually refused to work," and "all who have been brought into a position to apply for a pension through his or her willful acts of misbehavior," are debarred.

Mr. Asquith, the author of the bill, has estimated that in the United Kingdom there are 1,346,000 persons of 70 years of age and over and that out of this total there are 574,000 people eligible for pensions. The cost to the country it is estimated will be not less than thirty million dollars this year. The pension is payable weekly and is to be paid weekly. The machinery for the distribution of the pensions provides a local committee for every county, borough and urban district with a population of over 20,000. The central pension authority is the local government board.

Enjoyable Dance.

George Whippley is the Guest of Honor at Jintown Affair.

George Whippley of Hultown was guest of honor at a very enjoyable dance held Wednesday evening at the home of Paul Burkett at Jintown. Dancing was indulged in from 8 until after 3 o'clock. A feature of the evening was a prize waltz at 10:30 o'clock. The prizes which were very pretty toilet sets were won by Mrs. Burkett and George Whippley. At 11:30 o'clock a bounteous supper was served, covers being laid for 18. Music was furnished by an orchestra from Jintown. The decorations were carried out in carnations and roses. The out of town guests present were A. Boner, Alva Cochran, K. Cochran and Earl Cable of Dawson; Misses Maude and Gladis Orbin, Ellis Orbin, Earl Hixenbaugh, Orvil Orbin and George Hennessy of Dry Hill.

The Roundup.

Our next serial story, will begin in a few days. Don't miss reading it.

Cured After Fifteen Years of Suffering.

Oil City Lady Seventy Years Old a Victim of Muscular Rheumatism—Takes Urice-O.

The following letter from a resident of Oil City, Pa., tells how after many years of suffering with Muscular Rheumatism, a cure was found in Smith's Urice-O. Wants all persons suffering with Rheumatism to know what Urice-O will do, and writes as follows:

"I have been afflicted with muscular rheumatism for the past 15 years, and first heard of Urice-O through our local paper. I at once sent to the Kous Pharmacy for the medicine, and have taken four or five large bottles and find that I am now entirely cured. I am past 70 years of age, but I can now get about the house as spry as any of my children. I cheerfully recommend Urice-O to anyone suffering with any form of Rheumatism. Mrs. S. M. Irvin.

Urice-O is sold by druggists at 75c and \$1.00 a bottle. You can obtain a refund sample by writing to the Smith Drug Company, 230 Smith Building, Syracuse, N. Y.

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We have 97 Trimmed Hats in our Millinery Department, which we have decided to close out at half price. These hats are models of millinery art and are hats that have sold from \$2.99 to \$10.00. You may have your choice of the assortment while they last for just one half. Come in and look them over while the assortment is complete and secure an early choice.

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Ladies' Rubbers, Storm or Casual cut, pair ..... \$3.50  
Misses' Rubbers, shoes 11 to 12, pair ..... \$3.50  
Men's Rubber shoes, pair ..... \$3.50  
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Boys' Solid Leather Shoes, sizes 5 to 13½, pair ..... \$3.50  
Boys' Solid Leather Shoes, sizes 2 to 4½, pair ..... \$1.25  
Men's high cut Tan Blucher Work Shoes, pair ..... \$1.50  
Boys' extra high cut Calfskin Shoes, per pair ..... \$1.00  
Men's Felt Boots, with high perfection gum over, pair ..... \$1.00  
The Whitcomb Shoe for men, all sizes, all leathers, all styles, pair ..... \$2.10  
The American Gentleman Shoe for men, all styles, all leathers, pair ..... \$3.50

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## BROWN & SON'S New Year's Greeting

To our customers, as well as to those who do not favor us with their patronage, we extend our greetings, and hope the year 1909 will prove to them, one and all, a happy, pleasant and prosperous one, and to assist them in making it such, we have determined to reduce prices on our general stock, and cut down our own legitimate profits to the very lowest notch consistent with safe merchandising. In order to assist in doing this we have decided to discontinue our practice of issuing premium tickets, to take effect January 1, 1909, but we will redeem all tickets in our customers' hands up to that date. By applying the pruning knife to prices and having Special Sales on certain days each week, we think we can benefit our customers better than by the premium method. Below you will find a few prices picked out of our large stock for a starter in 1909.

ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, ONLY  
with each \$5 Cash Order, 20 pounds of granulated Sugar for \$1.00.

2 lbs. Special Golden Rio Coffee for ..... 25c	8 doz. Good size Sour Pickles 25c
4 lbs. Best Soda Crackers ..... 25c	2 cans Golden Wax Beans ..... 25c
4 lbs. Ginger Snaps (full of ginger) ..... 25c	4 lbs. Red Kidney Beans ..... 25c
4 lbs. Best Japan Rice ..... 25c	3 packages Choice Seeded Raisins, full weight ..... 25c
2 cans Best Cream Corn ..... 25c	3 packages Pearl Tapioca ..... 25c
Pancy Sugar Cured Ham per lb. .... 12½c	7 cakes Good Laundry Soap 25c
3 large cans (equal to 6 small) Peerless Milk ..... 25c	3 lbs. Choice Ev. Peaches ..... 25c
	3 five-cent boxes Matches for 10c

50 lbs. C. B. Flour ..... \$1.55

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# HISTORY MAKING EVENTS THAT TRANSPIRED DURING YEAR 1908.

Election of Mr. Taft, as President, to Further Roosevelt Policies Among Most Important.

## RULERS NERVE RACKING YEAR

All Men Who Have Occupied Places at Heads of Governments Have Been Assailed With Many Troublesome Difficulties—After All Something To Be Thankful For.

By EDWIN S. POTTER, Editor Universal News Analysis.

Despite the Depression, Republicans Retain Control.

Looking now calmly and dispassionately back across the field of conflicting interests and balancing forces which shaped the American presidential campaign of 1908, one inconceivable conclusion forces itself on the mind. The people became convinced in one way or another that it is "better to bear the evils that they have than to fly to others that they know not of," and to give the trust regulating policies of President Roosevelt a longer and fairer trial in the hands of his favorite adviser, William Howard Taft.

How the people became so minded is a question to which no answer can be found to suit all kinds of partisans. The sufficient facts can, however, be recounted briefly and with historical impartiality.

On Jan. 31 was issued the challenge of the dominant personality and official of the party in power which was to determine in many ways the plans of battle of the different parties for the capture of the American electorate.

Notably, the message of President Roosevelt to congress advocating his program of radical legislation.

On June 10 at Chicago the Republicans met together. They cheered forty minutes when Chairman Lodge eulogized the president and seated all the Taft contestants. The thoroughness of this operation caused it to be described as the "admission of the team roller," of which Frank H. Hitchcock was the engineer. The only light was on the court injunction plank. Samuel Gompers, head of the A. F. of L., and other leaders of organized labor, confronted with numerous court decisions unfavorable to their methods and facing lower wages or lack of work for many workers, had decided to fight in the open for the "pure labor plank" which suited them best. Despite the warnings of the Gompers "cabaret" before the platform committee the plank finally adopted at Chicago was not to their liking. Van Cleave, Cannon, Crane and other Republican leaders insisted upon upholding the integrity of the courts, but asserting that the rules of injunction procedure be "more accurately defined by statute" and that no injunction should be issued without due notice "except where irreparable injury would result from delay." William H. Taft of Ohio was nominated for president on the first ballot and James S. Sherman of New York for vice president.

On July 7 at Denver the national convention of the Democratic party assembled with the knowledge that an overwhelming majority of its delegates were pledged to elect the Hon. William J. Bryan of Nebraska. The big gathering broke all records for continuous cheering when the blind Oklahoma senator, Core, eulogized the Nebraskaan, the demonstration lasting eighty-seven minutes. Bryan was nominated on the first ballot, although the names of Johnson and Gray were presented. John W. Kern of Indiana, with the approval of Bryan, was named for second place.

As in the Republican convention, the main contest had to do with the work of the injunction or labor plank or the platform. Gompers was present and gave his assent to the plank finally agreed upon. While asserting that the "courts of justice are the bulwark of our liberty," it demanded a modification of the injunction law so as to provide for a trial by jury in cases of indirect contempt. It declared against treating labor organizations as legal combinations in restraint of trade, favored the eight hour day and promised a general employers' liability law.

Bryan at once induced his executive committee to say that it would reject all corporate gifts, would limit individual donations to \$10,000 and would publish on Oct. 15 and daily thereafter the names of givers of \$100 and upward. The final total published after the election was \$25,444 from 75,000 contributors. Although the Republican convention had rejected a publicity plank, Taft and his managers decided to work under the New York law and publish names and amounts of contributors after the election. Their funds totaled \$1,055,518.

Frank H. Hitchcock, who had engineered the Taft canvass, was chosen chairman of the Republican national committee and George B. Sheldon was made treasurer. The Democrats elected Norman R. Mack, the Buffalo newspaper proprietor, as their national chairman and Governor Haskell of Oklahoma as holder of the purse. When Treasurer Haskell resigned, his place was filled by Herman Klander, editor of the New York State Zeitung.

July 25, at Cincinnati, Taft delivered his speech of acceptance. He frankly accepted the rule of "one law" by defending the Roosevelt policies in their

entirely and explaining that his work, if elected, would be to carry on those reforms in detail.

Aug. 12, at Lincoln, Neb., Bryan was notified of his nomination and sounded the keynote of his campaign in the question, "Shall the people rule?" In subsequent speeches he gave great prominence to the bank guaranty plank to the popular election of senators and to campaign publicity before election. He made a special bid for the labor vote on the injunction plank. He would destroy all trusts controlling over 60 per cent of an industry.

Regarding the depression as the beginning of the breakdown of the capitalist system and claiming the array of idle workers as their asset, the Socialists of America went into the campaign with better weapons than ever before. On May 10 the Socialist convention met at Chicago. For the first time the Socialists of America affirmed their position on specific questions of policy. The convention nominated Eugene V. Debs for president and James Hanford for vice president, the same ticket put up by the Socialists in 1904.

The prohibitionists, conscious of the great strides their cause had made on the local option issue in many states, nominated Eugene W. Chafin of Illinois and Aaron S. Watkins of Ohio July 15 at Columbus, O., a platform containing many radical proposals besides that against the sale or manufacture of intoxicants.

On July 28 at Chicago the first national convention of the Independence party, outgrowth of the league organized by Editor Hearst, named Thomas L. Hedges of Massachusetts and John Temple Graves of Georgia on a platform containing most of the radical ideas of the Democrats and some radical. Opposition to Bryan was its keynote.

The People's party April 8 at St. Louis again named Thomas E. Watson of Georgia as its standard bearer although S. W. Williams of Indiana, although it did not put a ticket up in all of the states.

On Sept. 15, at Columbus, O., Hearst stirred up the historic current of the campaign by reading into his speech the first batch of a series of letters which had been stolen from the files of the Standard Oil company and which threw a sinister light on the activities of various public men, notably Foraker, Bailey, MacFarlin, Sibley, certain Pennsylvania judges and ex-Governor Stone, who was urged to appoint them.

Most of the letters were written by Vice President Archibald of the trust and contained direct certificates of deposit for large sums of money. At the same time Hearst repeated the story of the alleged attempt to bribe former Attorney General Monnett of Ohio wherein Haskell, the Democratic treasurer, was made to figure.

As governor of Oklahoma Haskell also was accused of protecting a legal branch of the Standard. Foraker at once withdrew from the campaign, and the president issued a hot statement condemning the Ohioan and gave out an old letter showing how Taft had refused to deal with Foraker; then compared this course to that of Bryan and Haskell. Bryan replied, demanding a hearing for Haskell, and then ensued a bitter verbal duel on personal and party issues. Haskell resigned, but protesting innocence, as did also Du Pont, the powder trust head, from the chairmanship of the Republican speakers' bureau. Both the president and Taft took the ground that publishing names of contributors before election would be to invite unfair and partisan criticism of candidates.

Gompers appealed to all unions in the A. F. of L. to give out financial support to Bryan. Spunker Cannon was the special target of the Gompers battery, and "Cannonism" became a national issue, many candidates for congress being pledged against Cannon as the next speaker.

On Nov. 3 the voters of the nation had their say. The extent of the Republican victory can be best remembered by the statement that Taft carried every state the Roosevelt did in 1904 except Nebraska, Colorado and Nevada. Furthermore, Taft invaded the solid south with small pluralities in Maryland and Missouri and large gains in other southern states. The popular vote stood: Taft, 7,637,070; Bryan, 6,808,182; Debs, 447,051; Chafin, 241,232; Hedges, 83,180; Watson, 33,571; Githaus (Socialist-Labor), 15,421; total, 14,852,230. The total vote in 1904 was 35,507,709. Several states in the Taft column elected Democratic governors—Harrison in Ohio, Marshall in Indiana and Johnson in Minnesota. Taft captured the Democratic stronghold of New York city. The Republican majority in congress was reduced to 47, the total being 210 and the Democratic 172. The senate's Republican complexion was unchanged.

The early months of the long session of congress were devoted chiefly to the Republicans wrangle over the terms of a currency bill. The Aldrich relief measure finally went through the senate March 23 despite the all night filibuster of La Follette, to propitiate whom the railroad bond feature had been cut out. La Follette named an oligarchy of fourteen wealthy men who, he said, actually ruled the nation. The Freedman bill, in which clearing house associations were made the channel of the new currency issue, was passed by the house, and then a compromise between that and the Ald-

rich bills, with provision for a joint commission to report on permanent reforms, was adopted by both branches and signed by the president.

Under the president's prodding, the Sterling liability bill was advanced by the majority and passed unanimously in both houses. This holds interstate carriers liable for injuries to employees and abolishes the rule barring compensation when the negligence of a fellow employee can be proved.

The Democratic filibuster was met by a gag rule and daily recess until the majority accomplished its purpose. This included provision for two new battleships instead of the one urged by the president, higher pay for army officers and privates and a liability law to protect employees in the service of the government. The house failed to pass the anti-injunction and anti-trust amendment to the Sherman law desired by the president in the interest of labor. "In God We Trust" was restored to the gold coins. The total appropriations for the session reached the record figure of \$1,804,000,804.

Congress reassembled Dec. 7 and received the final Roosevelt message, in which executive control of legalized trusts was advocated and judges were urged to heed the will of legislators according to present day standards. A bitter controversy arose over one passage which called for the senate to confirm the secret service to the treasury department because members did not want to be investigated. The senate moved an investigation of the secret service, and the house demanded proof of the president's assertions.

## Uncle Sam Insists Upon Carrying a Big Stick.

The administration's foreign policy has exemplified well this year a favorite saying of the president, "Speak softly, but carry a big stick." This nation has preserved good feeling toward other nations, and the same time has sent its buttresses to the antipodes and devoted much thought and money to navy and army betterments.

March 11 at Magdalena bay the fleet ended its voyage around the Horn, in command of Evans, and was widely welcomed all along the coast to San Francisco. Evans then gave up the command to Sperry, and on July 7 the fleet sailed from San Francisco on its record breaking naval practice cruise, visiting Hawaii, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, China and the Philippines before the year's end.

The war department changed heads July 1, Luke E. Wright succeeding Taft.

On May 5 the state department concluded a five year arbitration treaty with Japan. On Nov. 30 notes were signed containing an agreement with Japan for concert of action in maintaining the status quo in the orient, a virtual alliance.

The treasury in January had a deficit of \$10,000,000, which grew to \$30,000,000 by the end of the fiscal year. The postoffice department, by order of the president, ruled that papers in foreign languages must submit translations and statements and postmasters to exclude papers containing incitement to murder, arson and treason. In May the parcel limit to England was raised to eleven pounds, and Oct. 1 the postal rate to that country was lowered to 2 cents, later the same to Germany.

On Aug. 14 the president appointed a commission, headed by Professor L. H. Bailey of Cornell, to gather data looking to betterment of farm life.

May 13 to 15 at the White House, the annual conference of the nation's governors was held. The president discussed the conservation of national resources, the conference making a new element of national unity. This body reassembled Dec. 8 and approved a great scheme of waterways by a bond issue.

## Old World Rulers Had a Nerve Racking Year.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The government of King Edward began the year with a program of radical legislation, including old age pensions, frankly intended as a sop to socialism, which showed signs of rapid growth, and with the increase of the vast army of the unemployed. Asquith took the reins April 5, when Premier Bannerman retired on account of continued illness. Asquith carried through the age pension bill July 20, the plan of which is \$1.25 a week to all over seventy years of age whose income is under \$150 a year, to take effect Jan. 1, 1909. The Asquith government encountered a boisterous campaign for woman suffrage, the suffragettes organizing huge parades and rallies on the parliament to attract attention, many women choosing prison, terms rather than give bonds to keep the peace. Alarm over the signs of coming revolt throughout India has increased, with numerous acts of violence against the British. CANADA felt the effects of the American depression in decreased exports and in a halt in her industrial development. The general elections Oct. 28 sustained the Laurier government. A great historical pageant marked the tercentenary of Quebec, the Prince of Wales attending.

GERMANY.—The German people will remember the year 1908 as marking the end of their Kaiser's absolute, personal rule and the beginning of ministerial responsibility to the Reichstag. This revolution through the power of public opinion, which in the Reichstag and in parliamentary action of nearly all parties came to a head in October, the occasion of the autograph being an authorized interview in the London Telegraph in which the Kaiser told of his refusal to join a secret coalition against England during the Boer war and of sending war plans to the queen. It was like the last straw. The Reichstag called

Von Bulow to account, and William made concessions.

TURKEY.—The levelling of democracy showed signs of working even in the European stronghold of autocratic Islam. The Sultan of Turkey saw his army turning from him under the influence of the Young Turk party and his powerlessness, he put into effect the hitherto dead letter constitution of 1876 and called into being a national parliament at Constantinople. This body met amid rejoicing Dec. 17.

THE BALKANS.—On Oct. 3 the whole status of southeastern Europe was fixed by the treaty of Berlin (1878) was suddenly altered. Bulgaria proclaimed its independence, with Prince Ferdinand as its czar, and at the same time by concerted arrangement Austria announced to the powers that she proposed to annex completely the former Turkish provinces of Herzegovina and Bosnia, while the Turkish island of Crete moved toward a union with Greece. War seemed unavoidable then, and the clouds still lower hung, and the sky grew gloomier. The prompt action of the powers on motion of Russia in agreeing to hold a conference to readjust the balance in the Balkans, the opening of negotiations between Bulgaria and Turkey and the military impotence of Serbia and Montenegro combined to prevent an immediate outbreak, which would have meant a harvest of Austrian goods, and all the Balkan states prepared for war.

PORTUGAL.—The ferment of Republicanism in the Portuguese monarchy after long restraint found vent in the assassination of King Carlos and Crown Prince Luis Feb. 1 while they were riding in the streets of Lisbon. The younger son, Manuel, who was slightly wounded, succeeded to the throne, and the late king's widow reigned the country. Subsequent elections showed the Conservatives still in a large majority.

MOROCCO.—On Aug. 24 the oft repeated story of the defeat of Sultan Abdul Aziz by the forces of the pretender, Mulai Hafid, proved to be true, and the latter demanded recognition of the powers as the sultan. That was where the German emperor made a peck of trouble by recognizing Hafid without consulting the nations in the Algerian conference. France firmly objected, Spain seconded, and the Kaiser "came down." Then they all bowed to Hafid together.

PERU.—The Radical first parliament at Toberna under the constitution granted in 1907 was wiped out of existence in a bloody riot with the aid of the soldiers June 23, 400 persons being killed in the streets, the parliament building burned down, and some of the Radical leaders executed. The revolutionists captured and held Tarbiz.

JAPAN.—The Japanese government gave the American fleet a wonderful reception, the mikado and the president exchanging most cordial greetings.

CHINA.—On Nov. 33—Emperor Kwang Sun and the dowager empress, who had been for a generation the real ruler of China, died. Pr. Yi, the infant son of Prince Chun, had been chosen to succeed his father, and the regency was seized by Prince Chun.

CENTRAL AMERICA hovered on the verge of war, but finally the issues were laid before the new Central American court of justice, which was set up May 20 at Cartago, Costa Rica, with all the states represented.

VENEZUELA added Holland to the list of her "don't speak" neighbors by expelling the Dutch minister for some indiscretion, and the Dutch were hat for coercion. They began war Dec. 13 by capturing the powder train and the guard ship, Alis. Sleeper, the American minister, finally broke off relations and quit the country owing to the failure of the Castro government responding to the overtures from Washington as to a settlement of claims. The Venezuelan minister later was recalled from Washington. President Castro sailed for Europe the last of November.

CUBA rose to her new opportunity with orderly elections in December. Jose Miguel Gomez, the Liberal leader, being chosen president.

HAITI was torn by two revolts, that led by Jeanne and Firmin in January being crushed, but the second, under Antoine Simon, resulting in the bloodless capture of Port-au-Prince and the fall of the Nord-Alexis government Dec. 2. As the forces of Simon approached the capital the officers of the army deserted, the people turned against him, so that he was forced to escape with his life on board a French warship. Simon took possession of the city and on Dec. 17 was elected president by the Haitian congress.

## Rays of Hope Follow Year of Business Distress.

Everything is relative. While business conditions in this country are still far from what they were two years ago, the end of 1908 presents an encouraging outlook in comparison to that which capital and labor faced last January. Then 338,000 freight cars were idle, thousands of mills and factories were closed, at least 2,000,000 wage earners were unemployed, other millions worked on part time or at reduced wages, goods on hand could not be sold at a profit, railroad and industrial stocks were battered in price almost beyond recognition, and at high rates of interest little money could be enticed from hiding. Fear possessed the business community on the eve of a presidential campaign in which both the old parties were considering radical measures for relief of the 1907 depression. Processions of the unemployed marched in the larger cities and gave authorities a case of nerves.

A large number of strikes resulted from wage reductions, but few were successful.

The railroads were between the devil and the deep sea. They were threatened by a general strike. Their

only apparent relief, if they hoped to pay salaries and dividends, was to raise freight rates. Here they met the opposition of the shippers backed by the preliminary investigation of the Interstate commerce commission. The Southwestern association did advance rates in July, and some southern lines reduced wages, while nearly all lines laid off men. In December came the general announcement of a 10 per cent increase to take effect Jan. 1, 1909.

E. E. Hartman in March took full possession of the Georgia Central, which with a new connecting link gave him a cross country system.

On April 23 Cleveland's three-cent fare municipal street railway system went into effect, but hardly was it started when a bitter strike was called to enforce a former contract for wage increase. Riots and car dynamiting tied up the lines for weeks, but the city finally won. A deficit of the first two months gave way later to a surplus, but the public, dissatisfied with the service, voted in the Oct. 2 referendum against the municipal franchise, and a few weeks later the company was thrown into a receivership.

Secretary Wilson reported the value of all crops to the farmer to be \$7,772,000,000, a new record, coming heading the list with 2,625,000 bushels.

Jan. 9 New York celebrated the completion and operation of its first Hudson river tunnel from Hoboken Feb. 25. Philadelphia's \$20,000,000 Market street subway was opened July 30.

The ocean speed record was lowered repeatedly by the big British turbines, the Lusitania finally doing the best western trip in 4 days 15 minutes.

## Regulation of Trusts and Pursuit of Profits.

The American fleet of 1907 when Judge Landis filed the oil trust \$20,210,000 for taking oil rebates certainly came off July 22 inst. Judge Grosscup and associates of the court of appeals at Chicago reversed Landis on the assumption that the fine was excessive and not based on good law. What the chief hunter of the big octopus had to say of that particular turn in the road was that the merits of the case had not been touched and he would "regard it as a gross miscarriage of justice if through any technicalities the quarry should escape. The president at once had the motion for a rehearing made. This was denied, and the famous case goes up on appeal to the supreme court.

But in the meantime the government pack was in full swing along other paths. The chief of which led toward the dissolution of the Standard Oil company. Sept. 19 at Philadelphia Judge Grier, and associates on the circuit bench sustained the right of railroads to own and operate coal mines, holding the commodity clause of the Hepburn bill to be despotic and confiscatory.

Federal suits were also started against the Harriman railroad trust and against the powder trust, while numerous fines were imposed on railroads and other corporations under the Elkins law for rebating. On March 23 the supreme court, 8 to 1, invalidated the Minnesota and North Carolina rate laws, holding that federal courts had the right to review and to stay execution to protect stockholders. The Alabama rate law was held up by the circuit court pending investigation of combinations of rates. Pennsylvania's five-cent rate law was invalidated by the state supreme court. On Nov. 31 the United States supreme court ruled that the order of the Virginia railroad commission fixing a two-cent passenger rate was subject to review and must be tried before the highest state court before seeking federal intervention. In December the circuit court of appeals enjoined the tobacco trust from continuing interstate traffic.

Early in January the supreme court knocked out the employers' liability law because it was not confined to interstate corporations. On Jan. 25 it ruled that membership in a union might justify dismissal of interstate railroad employees. On Feb. 3 in the famous Danbury hatmakers' boycott case it decided unanimously that the boycott as a method of fighting capital is illegal when declared against goods in interstate traffic. President Gompers and other A. F. of L. officials were enjoined from publishing an "unfair list."

On March 9 the California supreme court vacated the conviction of former Mayor Schultz, and he was freed on heavy bail covering other charges after having been confined ten months. When in November his bail, Boss Ruef, was brought to trial the desperation of the graft forces showed itself in the act of one discreditable criminal, James, who shot Henry in court.

Though Henry was seriously injured, he recovered to continue the fight with increased public sympathy. Ruef was convicted Dec. 11 and faced a prison term. Four of Pennsylvania's capital grafters were convicted in February and sentenced Dec. 18 to two years in prison and \$500 fine each.

On Nov. 6 at New York Charles W. Morse, the millionaire whose illegal banking practices were believed to have started the financial panic of 1907, was brought to stern justice with a conviction and a fifteen year sentence. At the same time sentence for his banking associates, President Curtis of the Bank of North America, was suspended.

Pittsburg was shocked by a series of banking explosions and defalcations, two of which stand out as colossal crimes. On March 23 Henry Reiber, teller, and John Young, assistant cashier of the Farmers' Deposit National bank, were arrested for the misuse of over a million of the bank funds. In June they were sentenced to ten years each. On May 7 William Montgomery, cashier of the Allegheny National bank, was accused of diversions which ultimately ran up to \$1,350,000, including some stock frauds. He was sentenced to fifteen years in prison.

Kentucky's tobacco Night Riders

made additional raids in spite of the troops sent out to check them, and on Oct. 20 a band of dispossessed squatters on Reelfoot lake, Tennessee, kidnapped Captain Rankin and Colonel Taylor of Fenton. They hung the former, but the latter escaped by swimming the lake. Troops were called out, and many arrests were made.

The most serious race riots of the year occurred at Springfield, Ill., Aug. 14, and 15, when a wild mob killed nine persons, injured eighty and burned houses occupied by negroes. Troops were called out, and the leaders brought to justice.

The last of the Idaho cases against miners' officials ended with the acquittal of George A. Pettibone in January. Harry Orchard, the confessed murderer of Governor Steunenberg, whose testimony implicated the miners, received a death sentence, which later was commuted to a life term. Caleb Powers, four times in eight years for the murder of Governor Goebel, was pardoned by Governor Willson of Kentucky.

## Science, Sociology, Religion and Other Data.

Continuous mechanical flight as a human feat has been publicly demonstrated to the satisfaction of the world by the two American aviators, Wilbur and Orville Wright, giving assurance of new military aviation and promise of practical commercial applications. Having finished their secret trials at Kill Devil Hill, North Carolina, last May and having received patent protection here and abroad, the Wrights made public the details of their work. Wilbur then took one machine to Le Mans, France, and Orville another to Port Mear, Va., for official trials. In September Orville scored first, making a record flight of 1 hour 14 minutes 20 seconds prior to the fatal trial of Sept. 27, when the aeroplane, carrying the inventor and Lieutenant Selfridge, fell with a broken propeller, killing Selfridge and breaking several of Wright's bones. Later Wilbur sailed the air alone 1 hour and 31 minutes and on Oct. 10 took along one man for 3 hour 6 minutes 45 seconds, winning \$100,000 from the invention, from a French syndicate. Farman and Delagrange also made successful airplane flights in France, the former winning the Archdeacon prize for the first circular machine, while the tetrahedron machine of Bell and Baldwin at Hammondsport, N. Y., was down short distances.

Count Zeppelin of Germany again led the world in the dirigible balloon field, although his series of flights originated Aug. 1 in the burning of his huge rigid gas airship at Mayence, where he had paused in a storm for repairs after a continuous journey of 201 miles in 11 hours. With popular aid he built another ship, in which he made more flights in November, winning the Kaiser's prize and selling his invention to the government.

The dirigible balloon built by Thomas W. Baldwin on English trial at Port Myer, Va., in August attained a speed of 10.16 miles an hour on a two-hour trip and was bought by the war department for \$60,000.

Both the pan-Anglican conference and the Lambeth conference at London went on record for socialism. The Methodist general conference at Baltimore took advanced ground for industrial reforms and prohibition, but refused to change the code of discipline. The Episcopal diocese of New York made a working arrangement with organized labor. On the other hand, the American Catholic society sharply denounced socialism. The first assembling of the Catholic hosts in this country took place in Chicago in November, the occasion being the celebration of the centenary of William O'Connell's mission to the United States from a mission country to a country with an independent national church.

Signs of a coming unification of all churches were seen first in the warm interchanges between the Methodist Episcopal conference at Baltimore and the Methodist Protestant conference at Pittsburg, in the union motions between the latter and the Congregational and United Brethren, in the union favored by the Presbyterian general conference at Kansas City with the Reformed church and finally in the first meeting of the great federal council of the Churches of Christ in America at Philadelphia in December. This council also took advanced ground for practical social reforms.

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Famous persons who died in 1908 were: Charles Emory Smith, Edmund C. Stedman, Edward A. McDonald, August Wilhelm, Louise de Ramez (Ouida), Redfield Proctor, senator from Vermont, William G. Carey, Whig, senator from Maryland; William B. Allison, senator from Iowa; Francis Coppee, Henry C. Potter, Murat Halsted, Joel Chandler Harris, Bronson Howard, Ira D. Sankey, Daniel Colt Gilman, Charles Elliot Norton, Donald G. Mitchell, Grover Cleveland, Henry Campbell-Bannerman and Victorien Sardou.

The price that one pays for a taxi today is just a little different from what was paid for, say, the hire of a sedan chair in days of old. In the domestic accounts of "Mistress Nell Gwynn" we read: "For charring you to Mrs. Knight's, 4 shillings; and to Mrs. Knight's, 4 shillings. For charring yesterday and waiting eleven hours, 11 shillings 6 pence. Paid 13th Oct. 1675."—London Chronicle.

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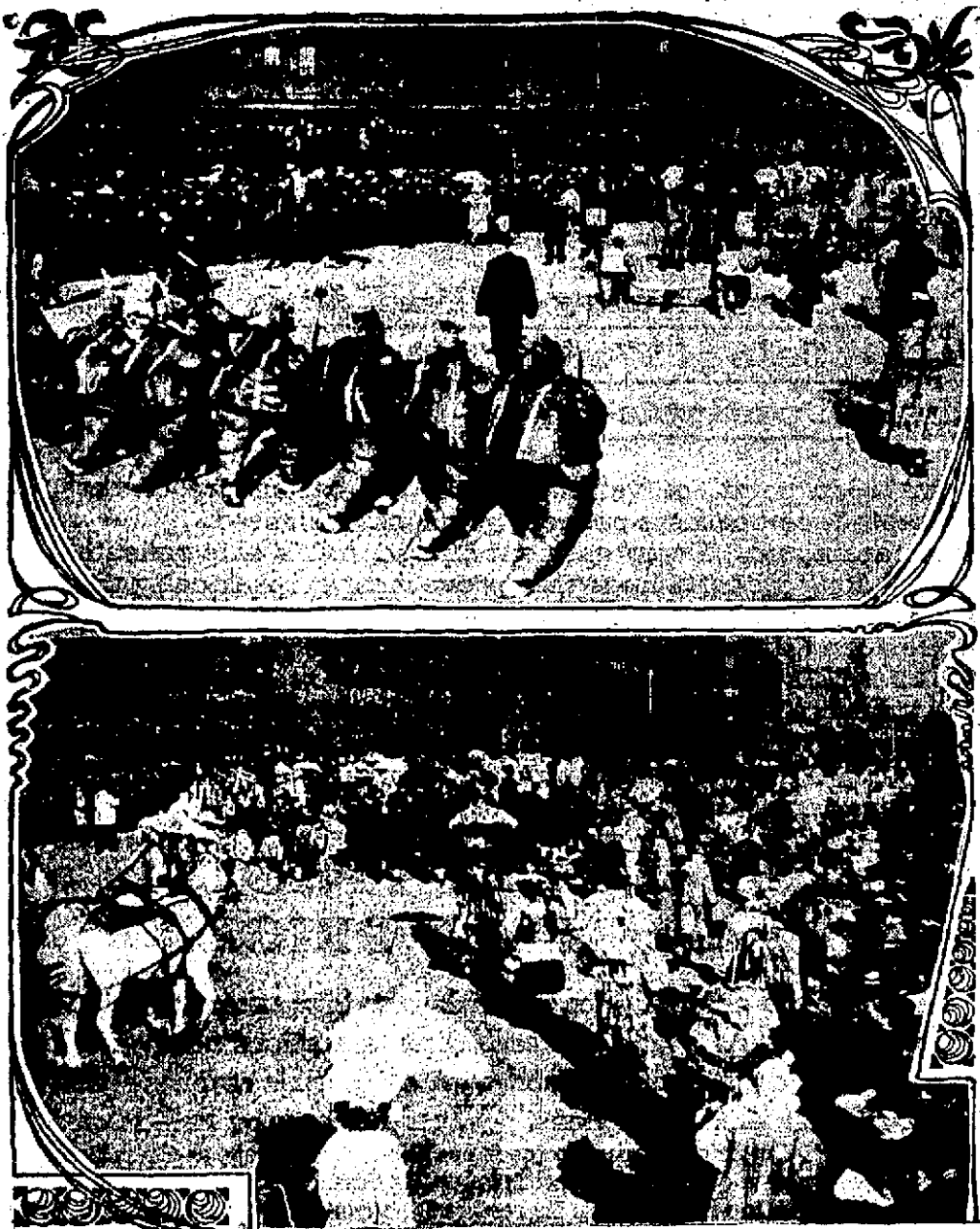
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# PARADE OF THE SHOOTERS, PHILADELPHIA'S ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S DAY CELEBRATION.



The Shooters parade the prize which marks the New Year's Day celebration in Philadelphia annually. It is probably the most elaborate show of its kind in the world. The city each year appropriates \$5,000 for the event, and individual members and various business firms contribute. One of the organizations is the National Rifle Association, which has a large display of rifles and other weapons. The parade is held on the first day of the year, and is a major attraction for the city.

## CONFESSION READ IN COURT

Alleged to Be That of Mrs. Claudia Hains IS ADMITTED AS EVIDENCE.

General Peter C. Hains and Mrs. Hains Testify in Behalf of Their Accused Sons, Thornton and Captain Hains.

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 1.—General Peter C. Hains, U. S. A., and his wife, Mrs. Virginia P. Hains, parents of Thornton J. Hains, now being tried before Justice Crane as a principal in the slaying of William K. Anna, were witnesses in their son's behalf and their testimony brought out in full detail the relationship of Mrs. Claudia Hains and William K. Anna that caused the estrangement of Captain Hains and his wife.

General Hains declared that in his presence and before his two sons, Peter and Thornton Hains, the captain's wife, Claudia Hains, made a full confession of her conduct and that subsequently Captain Hains manifested such poignant grief from the disclosure that his mental condition became affected. The confession, which General Hains declared his wife's son Claudia had signed on the day following Captain Hains' return from the west, was read to the jury.

Through Mrs. General Hains, who went many times during her story, the defense drew out facts that Captain Hains in his early life evidenced physical weakness, which counsel will endeavor to prove through three experts, were a predisposing cause to insanity. General Hains was permitted to say that his father died from insanity.

Justice Crane directed District Attorney Darrin, whose term expired last night, to continue as the prosecutor in the Hains case. Thornton J. Hains will be called to the witness stand next Monday.

## SLUTHS TO BE TRAILED

Senate Intends to Investigate Conduct of Secret Service.

Washington, Jan. 1.—That the proposed inquiry by the senate committee on appropriations into the methods of

the secret service will be very searching is definitely stated today. The announcement is made by Senator Hale, acting chairman of the committee.

Senator Hale said: "The extent and nature of the kind of work performed by the secret service under the direction of the heads of certain departments have greatly and startlingly been amplified during the last few years, and it is in this situation which has attracted the attention of the senate and is the foundation of its investigation."

"The very limited secret service of the government began in small appropriations and a small force almost entirely directed to investigations into counterfeiting and frauds upon the currency, but it is believed that this has been greatly departed from and that the extension of this service is alarming and dangerous and beyond the legitimate function of the government."

## ASSAULT PLANNED ON SOLID SOUTH.

Taft Favors Encouragement of Political Independence—Will Not Discuss Brother's Withdrawal.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 1.—Beyond the remark that the withdrawal of Charles P. Taft from the senatorial contest in Ohio in favor of Representative Burton was a move in the interest of party harmony President-elect Taft would say nothing on the subject.

Another conference was held on the subject of the best means to take advantage of the sentiment in the south which favors a political change. Charles H. Sherrill of the National Business Men's league of New York was one of the conferees, while Messrs. Taft, Hammond and Hitchcock were the others.

A statement was dictated by Mr. Taft in which he says:

"With the purpose of securing the assistance of those who do not desire to ally themselves with the Republican party as Republicans but wish only to act independently of the Democratic party in national campaigns, it was thought best to secure names of those who would take charge of this independent movement in each state, with a view to their subsequent organization at a time when such political action would be opportune."

## OPEN UP ROOMS TODAY

Senatorial Candidates Arrive on Scene at Pennsylvania Capital.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—Headquarters of the various candidates for United States senator and the speaker of the house were opened here today.

today, rooms having been engaged at several hotels. The arrangements in advance of the session call for the cases to be held on Monday night, but many of the legislators will arrive this evening and early tomorrow.

"The legislative chambers and committee rooms at the capitol have been prepared for the members, and on Tuesday the two bodies will meet and after organization will hear Governor Stuart's message."

Dimmick a Receptive Candidate.

Seranton, Pa., Jan. 1.—After a trip to Philadelphia, where he saw the state leaders, and Washington, where he saw President Roosevelt, Mayor J. Benjamin Dimmick returned home and gave out a statement in which he said he would be a candidate to succeed Mr. Knox in the United States senate provided public sentiment seemed to justify such action.

## MOVE OFFICES AT NIGHT

Washington Life Insurance Company Surprises Employees.

New York, Jan. 1.—Empty offices at 141 Broadway greeted the clerks of the Washington Life Insurance company when they reported for duty and a notice informed that that over night the books and papers of the concern had been shipped to Pittsburgh to the Pittsburgh Life and Trust company, which purchased the controlling interest in the company from Thomas F. Ryan and Levi P. Morton last fall.

If the removal of the company was astonishing to the employees, it was more so to State Superintendent Kellogg, who immediately held a conference with the company's attorneys and issued a statement in effect that, he had been informed that the company had reassured all its risks in the Pittsburgh Life and Trust company, which would immediately apply for authority to do business in New York.

## FAIRMONT SELECTED

For \$3,000,000 Plant of Independent Steel Company.

Fairmont, W. Va., Jan. 1.—The independent Steel company of Pittsburgh has decided to locate its new \$3,000,000 plant in this city. The company has had under consideration the construction of its plants at Monaca, Pa.; Elwood, Pa.; Cuyahoga Falls, O.; and Chicago, bringing them under one management.

The plant will consist of one blast furnace, open-hearth furnace, rolling mill and large wire mill. Fifteen hundred men will be employed. Monthly payroll will reach \$100,000. The people of this city have agreed to give seventy acres of land as a free site and to erect buildings for the plant.

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## The Mystery of The Yellow Room

By GASTON LEROUX

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"I admire you for your silence," said Rouletabille, "but if Mlle. Stangerson knew of your danger she would release you from your oath. She would beg of you to tell all she has confided to her. She would be here to defend you. She would be here to defend you."

M. Darzac made no movement nor uttered a word. He looked at Rouletabille sadly.

"However," said the young reporter, "since mademoiselle is not here I must do it myself. But, believe me, M. Darzac, the only means to save Mlle. Stangerson and restore her to her reason is to secure your acquittal."

"What is this secret motive that compels Mlle. Stangerson to hide her knowledge from her father?" asked the president.

"That, monsieur, I do not know," said Rouletabille. "It is no business of mine."

The president, turning to M. Darzac, endeavored to induce him to tell what he knew.

"Do you still refuse, monsieur, to tell us how you employed your time during the attempt on the life of Mlle. Stangerson?"

"I cannot tell you anything, monsieur."

The president turned to Rouletabille as if appealing for an explanation.

"We must assume, M. President, that M. Robert Darzac's absences are closely connected with Mlle. Stangerson's secret and that M. Darzac feels himself in honor bound to remain silent."

It may be that M. Darzac, who since his three attempts has had everything in training to cast suspicion on M. Darzac, had fixed on just those occasions for a meeting with M. Darzac at a spot most compromising. Larsen is cunning enough to have done that."

The president seemed partly convinced; but still curious, he asked:

"What, then, is this secret of Mlle. Stangerson?"

"That I cannot tell you," said Rouletabille. "I think, however, you know enough now to acquit M. Robert Darzac, unless Larsen should return, and I don't think he will," he added, with a laugh.

"One question more," said the president. "Admitting your explanation, we know that Larsen wished to turn suspicion on M. Robert Darzac, but why should he throw suspicion on Daddy Jacques also?"

"There came in the professional detective, monsieur, who proves himself an unraveler of mysteries, by exhibiting the very proofs he had accumulated. He's a very cunning man, and a similar trick had often enabled him to turn suspicion from himself."

He proved the innocence of one before accusing the other. You can easily be here, monsieur, that so complicated a scheme as this must have been long and carefully thought out in advance by Larsen."

He found the opportunity to rob Daddy Jacques of a pair of old boots and a cast-off Basque cap, which the servant had tied up in a handkerchief with the intention of carrying them to a friend, a charcoal burner on the road to Elmas. When the crime was discovered, Daddy Jacques had immediately recognized these objects as his. They were extremely compromising, which explains his distress at the time when we spoke to him about them. Larsen confessed it all to me."

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## CHAPTER XXVII.

In Which It Is Proved That One Does Not Always Think of Everything.

GREAT excitement prevailed when Rouletabille had finished. The courtroom became agitated with the murmuring of suppressed applause. Maitre Henri Robert called for an adjournment of the trial and was supported in his motion by the public prosecutor himself. The case was adjourned. The next day M. Robert Darzac was released on bail, while Daddy Jacques received the immediate benefit of "no cause for action." Search was everywhere made for Frederic Larsen, but in vain. M. Darzac finally escaped the awful calamity which at one time had threatened him. After a visit to Mlle. Stangerson he was led to hope that he might by careful nursing one day recover his reason.

Rouletabille and I left Versailles together, after having dined at "The Dog That Smokes." In the train I put a number of questions to him.

"My friend," I said, "I am still in the dark as to your reason for going to America. When you left the Glandier you had found out, didn't you, that you had discovered the exact way he had attempted the murder?"

"Quite so. And you," he said, turning the conversation, "did you suspect anything?"

"I don't see how I could have suspected anything. You took great pains to conceal your thoughts from me. Had you already suspected Larsen when you sent for me to bring the revolver?"

"Yes! I had come to that conclusion through the incident of the 'Inexplicable gallery.' Larsen's return to Mlle. Stangerson's room, however, had not then been cleared up by the eyeglasses. My suspicions were the outcome of my reasoning only, and the idea of Larsen being the murderer seemed so extrane-

ously that I resolved to wait for actual evidence before venturing to act. Nevertheless the suspicion worried me, and I sometimes spoke to the detective in a way that ought to have opened your eyes. I spoke disparagingly of his methods. But until I found the eyeglasses I could not look upon my suspicion of him in the light of an absurd hypothesis only. You can imagine my elation after I had explained Larsen's movements. I remember well rushing into my room like a madman and crying to you: 'I'll get the better of the great Fred! I'll get the better of him in a way that will make a sensation!'

"But one important point escaped us both. It was one which ought to have opened our eyes to Larsen. Do you remember the bamboo cane? I was surprised to find Larsen had made no use of that evidence against Robert Darzac. Had it not been purchased by a man whose description tallied exactly with that of Darzac? Well, just before I saw him off at the train after the recess during the trial I asked him why he hadn't used the cane evidence. He told me he had never had any intention of doing so; that our discovery of it in the little inn at Epinay had much embarrassed him. If you will remember, he told us then that the cane had been given him in London. Why did we not immediately say to ourselves: 'Fred is lying; he could not have had this cane in London; he was not in London; he bought it in Paris?'

Then you found out on inquiry at Cassette's that the cane had been bought by a person dressed very like Robert Darzac, though, as we learned later from Darzac himself, it was not he who had made the purchase. Couple this with the fact we already knew from the letter at the poste restante that there was actually a man in Paris who was passing as Robert Darzac. Why did we not immediately fix on Fred himself?"

"Of course his position was against us, but when we saw the evident eagerness on his part to find conflicting evidence against Darzac—nay, even the passion he displayed in his pursuit of the man—the lie about the cane should have had a new meaning for us. If you ask why Larsen bought the cane if he had no intention of manufacturing evidence against Darzac by means of it, the answer is quite simple. He had been wounded in the hand by Mlle. Stangerson, so that the cane was useful to enable him to close his hand in carrying it. You remember I noticed that he always carried it."

"All these details came back to my mind when I had once fixed on Larsen as the criminal. But they were too late then to be of any use to me. On the evening when he pretended to be drugged, I looked at his hand and saw a thin silk bandage covering the signs of a slight healing wound. Had we taken a quicker initiative at the time Larsen told us that lie about the cane, I am certain he would have gone off to avoid suspicion. All the same, we worried Larsen, or Balmeyer, without our knowing it."

"But," I interrupted, "if Larsen had no intention of using the cane as evidence against Darzac, why had he made himself up to look like the man when he went in to buy it?"

"He had not specially 'made up' as Darzac to buy the cane; he had come straight to Cassette's immediately after he had attacked Mlle. Stangerson."

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## ISLANDS DISAPPEAR AND 28,000 RESIDENTS ENGULFED WITH HOMES.

Lloyd C. Griscom, American Ambassador, Leaves Today for Stricken District and Will Report for Government.

### THE SURVIVORS ARE STARVING

Greatest of Importance Is That of Providing Food and Shelter.—Many Americans in Hotels Believed to Have Perished.—Messages Pouring In.

Rome, Jan. 1.—The Vita states that a wireless message from the strait of Messina reports that the Lipari islands, a group of volcanic islands in the Mediterranean near the coast of Sicily, have disappeared. The total population in the group numbers 28,000 and must inevitably have perished. The minister of marine has rushed a torpedo boat to ascertain the facts.

The Liparians lie to the northeast of the island of Sicily. The group consists of numerous islands, the seven principal ones being Stromboli, Panarea, Salina, Lipari, Vulcano, Milae and Alicudi. The group is part of the province of Messina. The climate is highly salubrious and the land is well cultivated and yields grapes, cotton and olives. The islands also are known as the Aeolian Islands and here, according to fable, Aetna held the winds imprisoned in the caverns and released them at his pleasure. Here also Vulcan forged the bolts of Jove.

Rome, Jan. 1.—Lloyd C. Griscom, the American ambassador, left here today and will proceed to Messina and other places in the south on an Italian warship in search of information concerning missing American travelers. It has been found impossible to obtain tidings of the hundreds of foreigners supposed to have been in the zone about whom inquiries have been made to the government and the various embassies.

Estimates of the death toll of the earthquake have varied in concern the Italian people. It is enough to know that the catastrophe is overwhelming. Rumors would add nothing to the grief of the stricken nation nor move to greater efforts those upon whom the work of relief and rescue has fallen.

Every channel open to the government has been utilized to this end and other nations have been quick to come to its assistance. Shiploads of fugitives have been carried out of the stricken zone to Naples, Palermo, Catania and other ports and, according to the minister of marine, rescue vessels to the number of thirty-six are now centered in the strait of Messina, and 5,000 soldiers are being landed on the two coasts.

Most important of all now is the question of the living. Thousands of those who escaped the falling walls and the sweep of the tide are starving and without clothes or shelter. They can scarcely long survive their sufferings. The first thought has been to carry food and covering for these helpless people, and it has now been decided by the government to send a fleet of emigrant steamers to transport them to other places.

Heavy Mortality in Hotels. It has been impossible as yet to ascertain whether there were any Americans at the hotels in Messina. The Hotel France collapsed at the first shock and sixty guests were killed. It is asserted that none of these was American. Only two waiters escaped. The Continental hotel was destroyed, but it seems that no Americans were stopping there. Almost all the guests at the Hotel Trinacria, including J. C. Martens, the Swedish consul, are dead. Nothing has been learned definitely as to the number of Americans in that hotel, which was the leading one of the city.

The American embassy here is in receipt of a great number of messages of inquiry from the United States seeking information concerning Americans believed to have been in the earthquake zone, but it has been found impossible to obtain any information. Even though they had escaped, American visitors in that section of Italy would find it impossible to communicate by telegram with their friends on account of interruption to telegraph lines.

The horror of the situation at Messina and Reggio grows with every fresh dispatch. One of the correspondents places the death toll throughout the entire territory as high as 200,000, but this appears to be extreme. Others make their outside estimate 300,000, but the official estimate made by the minister of marine still holds to 115,000.

### CROWS SEEK CARRION

Great Flocks Assemble in Earthquake Zone For Horrible Feast.

London, Jan. 1.—A dispatch from Palermo says that up to this morning 100,000 persons had been embarked on the warships and other vessels in the straits of Messina or have otherwise left the devastated district. All the towns and villages along the strait are rapidly becoming depopulated, as there are fears of further convulsions. Grim messages reach Palermo to the effect that clouds of crows have descended on the stricken district, having

crossed the sea in response to some mysterious intonation of the disaster. In Messina the rescuers frequently encounter processions of naked prisoners bearing images of the saint. Refugees estimate that not more than 8,000 persons of the entire population of Messina, 100,000 people, escaped with their lives. The suffering was intensified by the lack of drinking water, the water system having been demolished. The wounds of the injured had to be washed with sea water. Miss Polce, sister of Joseph H. Polce, the former American vice consul at Messina, stated today that so far as known only five of her family were killed. The fate of the others is uncertain and she entertains hope that her brother is still alive.

### EARTH'S CRUST SANK

Scientists Say Disturbance Was Geological Rather Than Volcanic.

Rome, Jan. 1.—A dispatch from the observatory at Riposto says the center of the earthquake probably was in the sea in the southern part of the strait of Messina. The seismograph at Riposto continues to record slight shocks. Signor Stanciel, a scientist attached to the Florence observatory, is of the opinion that the earthquake was geological rather than volcanic. According to Signor Stanciel the trouble was caused by a subsidence of the lower strata. As a result of this depression huge cracks appeared in the form of a semi-circle, the center of which was the focal point of the disturbance.

Ninety-Six Travelers Perish. Paris, Jan. 1.—A special dispatch received here from Rome says that ninety-six guests, including Americans, English and French travelers, were staying at the Hotel Trinacria at Messina when the city was destroyed. They all perished. The proprietor of the hotel alone escaped.

Famished Survivors Eat Dogs. Palermo, Italy, Jan. 1.—The steamer Umberto arrived here with 480 refugees, 50 of whom are wounded. The captain of the Umberto says he saw famished survivors seize upon dogs, tear them to pieces and eat the flesh.

Wife and Mother Left Alone. Milazzo, Sicily, Jan. 1.—The wife of the French consul at Messina, the sole survivor of her family, has reached here. She is badly injured. Her husband, son and daughter were killed.

Regiment of Soldiers Destroyed. Reggio, Jan. 1.—There is reason to believe that an entire regiment of infantry was drowned by the tidal waves at Palmi. Three hundred of the soldiers' bodies already have been recovered.

### RED TAPE SLASHED TO AID ITALIANS.

Shipload of Naval Supplies For American Sailors Is Diverted to Messina.

New York, Jan. 1.—The United States supply ship Celtic which was to have met the returning battleship fleet with holiday cheer, has sailed out of New York harbor on an entirely different mission, but without changing a single item of her cargo. She will go direct to Messina to give a million and a half of navy rations to the earthquake sufferers.

The idea of changing the Celtic into a relief ship originated with her commander and was approved by the navy department at Washington. Red tape was cut out in a jiffy on the ground of humanity, necessary preparations were hurried, and the Celtic, with Christmas trees still lashed to her mastsheads, sailed.

In the face of the overwhelming need of the Italians, the department is considering its own men second; how they will be provided with food is something that will be considered later. The navy department takes full responsibility for this sudden gift of supplies to the Italians without warrant of law. It probably relies upon congress to approve of its action, but the expectation is that congress will be only too well pleased at this evidence of American pluck and of the "get there" qualities of the American navy. The Celtic has in her cargo \$150,000 worth of provisions, sufficient food for 50,000 people for one month, \$32,000 worth of clothing, tents enough to accommodate 1,000 persons and a large quantity of medical and surgical supplies.

Fat Pocketbooks Are Touched. New York, Jan. 1.—The Steel corporation has contributed \$25,000 to the Red Cross society for the Italian earthquake sufferers. The Standard Oil company's contribution to the same fund is \$10,000. Mrs. Russell Sage gave \$5,000 to the mayor's fund.

Nixon to Build Great Airship. New York, Jan. 1.—An aerial warship 700 feet in length with accommodations for 100 passengers, food and fuel enough for a voyage across the ocean and a full complement of guns is to be built immediately at the Nixon yards, according to Lewis Nixon.

### GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

Cut These Out and Paste Them Up Where You Will See Them Every Day.

I will not be careless about my health.

I will never allow a cold to wear off.—It wears away the lungs instead.

I will remember that a neglected cold leads to Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption, and that Consumption leads to the grave.

I will remember that Pneumonia can be prevented by taking, in time, Father John's Medicine.

I will remember that Father John's Medicine is neither a "Patent Medicine," nor a "Cough Syrup," and that it is all pure nourishment, free from Opium, Morphine or other Poisonous Drugs.

I will remember that Father John's Medicine builds up and makes strength, at the same time cures the cold and all throat and lung troubles.

If I catch cold, I will not neglect it, but will ask my druggist for a bottle of Father John's Medicine and take it as directed.

## SOISSON THEATRE

### Monday, 4. JANUARY

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The Management of the Soisson Theatre Positively Guarantees this Attraction as Worthy of Patronage.

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We'll Begin Our January Selling With the Greatest Sale of Women's Apparel We've Ever Conducted.

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The low prices are occasioned only because of our strict store policy of semi-annual clearance. A HALF PRICE ticket means goodly economy wherever found but when its pinned to a woman's tailored suit of unquestioned style, quality and tailoring, it forms the strongest of buying incentive. With almost the entire winter before us, "HALF PRICE for Wright-Metzler apparel" is an announcement that will bring about the most wonderful buying you've ever seen.

## Nearly Every Suit at HALF PRICE. Every Coat at Nearly HALF PRICE.

Not a single garment remains at its original price. With but few exceptions every woman's tailored suit in the store at HALF PRICE and these exceptions nearly reach the half price mark, and we wish to state right here and with all possible emphasis that these sale prices represent our final price reductions. We don't employ half-hearted methods in our stock clearances, and this initial cutting of apparel price is positively the final one as the radical nature of it would indicate. With the fullness of new stocks to choose from, with prices lowered to the minimum with nearly a whole winter before us, with the knowledge of the character of the merchandise involved. It is a foregone conclusion that our object (complete clearance) will be quickly and thoroughly accomplished. In both of our big establishments these sale prices are now in effect and will result in the disposal of nearly four hundred garments—we mention this number to enlighten you as to the scope and variety that this sale presents. The result of this announcement will be an immediate response by hundreds of women. If you intend taking advantage of any of these offerings it would not be wise to delay your purchase. It is imperative that early choice be made that you may not be disappointed. You'll realize this when you witness the buying resultant from this announcement.

## Women's Tailored Suits

Styles are all influenced strongly by the director modes, fabrics include broadcloths, fancy English suitings, etc., in the most wanted weaves and patterns; the tailoring and style qualities are in every instance in accord with our most strict requirements and every garment possesses a distinctive appearance that is of inestimable value to women of taste. The character of the garments must appeal to your discriminative senses as strongly as the lowered prices appeal to your spirit of thrift.

15.00 suits \$7.50	27.50 suits \$13.75
18.00 suits \$9.00	32.50 suits \$16.25
20.00 suits \$10.00	35.00 suits \$17.50
22.50 suits \$11.25	40.00 suits \$20.00
25.00 suits \$13.75	47.50 suits \$23.75

## Women's Tailored Coats

Every remaining coat for women is included in this sale, black or fancy. The materials from which they are tailored are broadcloths, chevrons, cravetted cloths and a broad collection of fancy suitings, among which are "plaid back" materials. These coats are fashioned with cuffs and collars of plaid. Over seventy-five models to choose from. Every one of them absolutely correct in style and faultless tailoring. You'll find them priced in the following manner:

10.00 coats \$7.50	22.50 coats \$15.00
12.50 coats \$8.50	25.00 coats \$16.50
15.00 coats \$10.00	28.50 coats \$19.75
18.00 coats \$12.00	35.00 coats \$25.00
20.00 coats \$13.50	37.50 coats \$25.00
20.00 coats \$15.00	25.00 coats \$18.75

